

By their own ordinances they shall fix upon and appoint, in order to examine into the progress of the students and scholars in literature, to hear and determine on all complaints and appeals, and upon all matters touching the discipline and government of the said seminary, and the good and wholesome execution of their ordinances, in all which examinations, meetings and determinations, such number of the said trustees and governors duly met and convened, provided they be not less than nine, shall be a quorum, as the established rules and ordinances at first, or any time afterwards, being duly enacted by a majority of the whole number of attending trustees and governors, shall fix and determine.

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XI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That two thirds of the said trustees and governors for the time being, duly assembled at their annual meeting, upon due notice being given to the whole body of trustees and governors, provided that one of them be the president of the said board of trustees, as is herein before mentioned and declared, when thus assembled, shall have full power and authority to make or amend such ordinances for the government of the said seminary, and instruction of the students and scholars, as they may think proper and necessary, and by these ordinances to appoint such a number of their own body, not less than nine, as they may think proper, to be a board for transacting all general and necessary business of the said seminary, and making temporary rules for the government thereof; and also by the said established rules and ordinances to delegate to the principal, vice-principal and professors, such powers as they may think best for the government of the said seminary, and the execution of the ordinances and rules of the same, provided they be not repugnant to the laws of this, or of the United States.

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XII. AND, in order to animate and encourage the students and scholars of and belonging to the said seminary to a laudable diligence, industry, and progress in useful literature and science, BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees and governors, and their successors, shall, by a written mandate, under the seal of the said corporation, and the hand of the president of the said board of trustees and governors, have full power and authority to direct the principal, vice-principal and professors, to hold public commencements, either on stated annual days, or occasionally, as may be directed by the future ordinances of the said corporation, and at such commencements to admit any of the students belonging to the said seminary, or any other persons meriting the same, (whose names shall be severally inserted in the said mandate,) to any degree or degrees in any of the faculties, arts and sciences, and liberal professions, to which persons are usually admitted in other colleges or universities in America or Europe; and it is hereby declared, that the principal, or in case of his death or absence, the vice-principal, and in case of the death or absence of both, the senior professor who may be present, shall make out, and sign with his name, diplomas or certificates of the admission to such degree or degrees, which shall be sealed with the seal of the said corporation or college, and delivered to the graduates, as honourable and perpetual testimonials of such admission, which diplomas (if thought necessary for doing greater honour to such graduates,) shall also be signed by the different professors belonging to the said seminary, or as many of them as can conveniently sign the same; provided always, that no student or students belonging to the said college shall ever be admitted to any such degree or degrees, nor have his or their name inserted in any mandate for a degree, until such student or students have been first duly examined and found qualified for the same at a public examination of candidates, to be held one whole month previous to the day of commencement, in the said college, by, or in presence of, the said trustees and governors, or of such number of them making a quorum, not less than nine, as the future ordinance of the said corporation may constitute, authorise and appoint, for that purpose; provided also, that one of the said board be the president of the said corporation, as herein before mentioned; and provided also, that no person or persons, (excepting the students belonging to the said seminary,) shall ever be admitted to any honorary or other degree or degrees in the same, unless nine of the trustees and governors of the said college, (making a quorum as aforesaid, of whom the president of the said corporation shall be one,) by a mandate under the seal of the corporation, signed by the hands of each of them, to the principal, vice-principal and professors directed, have signified their approbation and authority for the particular admission of such person or persons, to the degree or degrees for which they may respectively apply.

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XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case at any time hereafter through oversights, misapprehension, or mistaken construction of the powers, liberties and franchises, in this charter or act of incorporation granted, or intended to be granted, or otherwise, any ordinance or ordinances should be made by the said corporation, or any matters or things done and transacted by them, contrary to the tenor thereof, it is hereby declared, that although such ordinance or ordinances, act and doings, shall in themselves be null and void, nevertheless they shall not be deemed, taken, interpreted or adjudged,

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