



United States of America }
Territory of Oklahoma. } 55.

I, ROBERT MARTIN, Secretary of the

Territory of Oklahoma do hereby certify that the annexed is a full
true and complete transcript of the
Act of the Legislative Assembly of said Territory
enacted and passed to be in force and effect, December 19, 1890, as follows:
Resolved, That the Legislature of said Territory
do hereby establish a University of
Oklahoma, to be located in the City of Guthrie,
which was filed in this Office the 19th day of December
A.D. 1890, at 1 o'clock, and admitted to record.

In Testimony Whereof,

I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed the Great Seal of the Territory
of Oklahoma at the City of Guthrie,
this Twenty Fourth day of December
A.D. 1891.

Robert Martin - Secretary



Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Oklahoma:

1. There is hereby established in this territory, at Norman, in the county of Cleveland, an institution of learning by the name and style of the "University of Oklahoma": Provided, That within thirty days after the passage and approval of this act there shall be executed and delivered to the Secretary of the Territory a good and sufficient bond to be approved by the Governor of the Territory, a bond in the sum of five thousand dollars, conditioned that there shall be conveyed to the Territory of Oklahoma by a good and sufficient warranty deed forty acres of land within one-half mile of Norman on which the University shall be located and established.

2. The government of the University shall vest in a board of regents, to consist of six members, five of whom to be appointed by the Governor, by and with the consent of the Council, and the Governor shall, during the term of his office, be a member of said board. The term of office of said regents shall be for four years, from and after their appointment, unless sooner removed by the Governor for cause; but appointment to fill vacancies before the expiration of term, shall be for the residue of the term only.

3. The board of regents and their successors in office shall constitute a body corporate, by the name of "The Regents of the University of Oklahoma," and shall possess all the powers necessary or convenient to accomplish the objects and perform the duties prescribed by law, and shall have the custody of the books, records, buildings and all other property of the university. The board shall elect a president and secretary, who shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the laws of the board. The secretary shall keep a faith-

ful record of all the transactions of the board, and of the executive committee thereof, and in addition to performing the duties of secretary, shall be the superintendent of the buildings and grounds of the university, and discharge such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the board of regents. The Territorial Treasurer shall be the treasurer of the board and perform all the duties of such office, subject to such regulations as the board may adopt, not inconsistent with his official duties, and he and his sureties, shall be liable on his official bond as Territorial Treasurer for the faithful discharge of such duties.

4. The time for the election of the president and secretary of said board, and the duration of their respective terms of office, and the time for holding the regular annual meeting and such other meetings as may be required, and the manner of notifying the time, shall be determined by the board. Three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time.

5. The board of regents shall enact laws for the government of the university in all its branches, elect a president and the requisite number of professors, instructors, officers and employes, and fix the salaries and term of office of each, and determine the moral and educational qualifications of applicants for admission to the various courses of instruction, but no instruction either sectarian in religion or partisan in politics shall ever be allowed in any department of the university, and no sectarian or partisan test shall ever be allowed or exercised in the appointment of regents, or in the election of professors or other officers of the University, or in the admission of students thereto, or for any purpose whatever. The board of regents

shall have power to remove the president or any professor, instructor or officer of the University when in their judgment the interests of the University require it. The board may prescribe rules and regulations for the management of the libraries, cabinet, museum, laboratories and all other property of the University, and of the several departments, and for the care and preservation thereof, with penalties and forfeitures by way of damages for their violation, which may be sued for and collected in the name of the board before any court having jurisdiction of such actions.

6. The board of regents are authorized to expend such portion of the income of the University fund as they may deem expedient for the erection of suitable buildings and the purchase of apparatus, a library, cabinets, and additions thereto, and if they deem it expedient, may receive in connection with the University any college in this Territory, upon application of its board of trustees, and such college so received shall become a branch of the University, and be subject to the visitation of the regents.

7. At the close of each fiscal year the regents, through their president, shall make a report in detail to the Governor, exhibiting the progress, condition and wants of each of the colleges embraced in the University, the course of study in each, the number of professors and students, the amount of receipts and disbursements, together with the nature, costs, and results of all important investigations and experiments, and such other information as they may deem important, one copy of which shall be transmitted free by the Governor of the Territory to all colleges endowed under the provisions of the act of Congress entitled "An act donating land to the several states and territories which provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and mechanic arts," approved July, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and also one to the Secretary of

the Interior as provided in said act.

8. The president of the University shall be president of the several faculties, and the executive head of the instructional force in all its departments; as such, he shall have authority, subject to the board of regents, to give general direction to the instruction and scientific investigations of the several colleges; and so long as the interests of the institution require it he shall be charged with the duties of one of the professorships. The immediate government of the several colleges shall be intrusted to their respective faculties, but the regents shall have the power to regulate the course of instruction and prescribe the books or works to be used in the several courses, and also to confer such degrees and grant such diplomas as are usual in Universities, or as they shall deem appropriate, and to confer upon the faculty, by by-laws, the power to suspend or expel students for misconduct or other causes prescribed in such by-laws.

9. The object of the University of Oklahoma shall be to provide the means of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the various branches of learning connected with scientific, industrial and professional pursuits, in the instruction and training of persons in the theory and art of teaching, and also instruction in the fundamental laws of the United States and of this Territory, in what regards the rights and duties of citizens, and to this end, it shall consist of the following colleges or departments, to-wit:

First. The college or department of arts;

Second. The college or department of letters;

Third. The normal college or department;

Fourth. Such professional or other colleges or departments as now are or may from time to time be added thereto or connected therewith,

and the board of regents are hereby authorized to establish such professional and other colleges or departments when in their judgment they may be deemed necessary and proper: Provided, That no money shall be expended by the board of regents in establishing and organizing any of the additional colleges or departments provided for in this section until an appropriation therefor shall have first been made.

10. The college department of arts shall embrace courses of instruction in mathematical, physical and natural sciences, with their application to the industrial arts, such as agriculture, mechanics, engineering, mining and metallurgy, manufactures, architecture and commerce, and such branches included in the college of letters as shall be necessary to proper fitness of the pupils in the scientific and practical courses for their chosen pursuits and military tactics; in the normal department the proper instruction and learning in the theory and art of teaching, and in all the various branches and subjects needful to qualify for teaching in the common schools; and as soon as the income of the University will allow, in such order as the wants of the public shall seem to require, the said courses in the sciences and their application to the practical arts shall be expanded into distinct colleges of the University, each with its own faculty and appropriate titles. The college of letters shall be co-existent with the college of arts, and shall embrace a liberal course of instruction in language, literature and philosophy, together with such courses or parts of courses in the college of arts as the regents of the University shall prescribe.

11. The University shall be open to female as well as male students, under such regulations and restrictions as the board of regents may deem proper, and all able bodied male students of the University

in whatever college may receive instruction and discipline in military tactics, the requisite arms for which shall be furnished by the Territory . After any person has graduated at the university and after such graduation has successfully taught a public school in this territory for sixteen school months, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall have authority to countersign the diploma of such teacher after such examination as to moral character, learning and ability to teach as to said superintendent may seem proper and reasonable .

Any person holding a diploma granted by the board of regents of the Territorial University of Oklahoma, certifying that the person holding the same is a graduate of said university, shall after his diploma has been countersigned by the Territorial Superintendent of Public Instruction as aforesaid be deemed qualified to teach any of the public schools of this territory, and such diploma shall be a certificate of such qualifications until annulled by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

12. No student who shall have been a resident of the Territory for one year next preceding his admission shall be required to pay any fees for tuition in the University, except in the law department and for extra studies. The regents may prescribe rates of tuition for any pupil in the law department, or who shall not have been a resident as aforesaid, and for teaching extra studies.

13. The regents shall each receive the actual amount of expenses in travelling to and from and attendance upon all meetings of the board, or incurred in the performance of any duty in pursuance of any direction of the board, accounts for such expenses, duly authenticated, shall be audited by the board and paid on their order by the treasurer of the University out of the University fund income. No regent

shall receive any pay,mileage or per diem except as above described.

14. The said board of regents shall make rules, regulations and by-laws for the good government and management of the University and of each department thereof; prescribe rules and regulations for the admission of students; but every applicant for admission shall undergo an examination to be prescribed by the board, and shall be rejected if it shall appear that he or she is not of good moral character; require any applicant for admission in the normal department, other than such as shall prior to admission sign and file with such board, a declaration of intention to follow the business of teaching common schools in this territory for at least one year, to pay or cause to be paid such fees for tuition as the board may deem proper and reasonable.

15. The board of regents shall from time to time fix the salary of the president, professors and teachers of said University, and shall certify the same to the Territorial Auditor to draw warrants on the Territorial Treasurer upon the certificate of the secretary of said board of regents, that the amount is due for such salary fixed by said board, and that the services therein mentioned were actually performed.

16. The said county of Cleveland shall within six months after the passage and approval of this act provide, by sale of bonds or otherwise, the sum of ten thousand dollars, which sum shall be placed in the hands of the Territorial Treasurer, to be by him held for the use of the board of regents for the purpose of erecting the buildings and procuring the apparatus necessary to put the Territorial University in operation.

17.. The said board of regents shall be authorized to draw warrants upon the University funds in the hands of the Territorial treasurer, and it shall be the duty of that officer to pay out such funds on the warrants

drawn by the regents of such institution. The county commissioners of Cleveland County are hereby authorized to issue bonds of said county in the sum of ten thousand dollars, running twenty years, and bearing five per cent interest which bonds shall not be sold below par, and when sold the proceeds of such sale of bonds shall be placed in the hands of the Territorial treasurer for the benefit of said University to be used as provided in section sixteen of this act: Provided, That before the commissioner shall issue or sell said bonds the question "shall Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory, by and through its commissioners, issue and sell bonds of the county bearing five per cent interest running twenty years in the sum of ten thousand dollars, for University funds," must be submitted to a vote of the people of said county at either a general or special election, and if a majority of the qualified voters vote in favor of the proposition then the commissioners aforesaid may issue the bonds, and if a majority vote against the proposition, then the authority imposed by the section is null and void: Provided, That if the said county of Cleveland, through its commissioners, shall neglect or refuse to comply with the conditions imposed in this and the preceding section, within one year, from and after the passage and approval of this act, then this act shall be null and void. All warrants drawn on the Territorial University funds shall be signed by the president of the board of regents, countersigned by the secretary and presented to the Territorial auditing officer, and be by him approved, signed and sealed before the Territorial treasurer shall pay the same.

18. The board of regents of the University of Oklahoma are hereby authorized to receive all grants, additions, all bequests of money, or other property for the use and benefit of the University.