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SECTION I.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1. Every student, on entering, shall subscribe to the following agreement :

“ I solemnly promise, on my truth and honor, to observe and obey the laws and regulations of Dickinson College.”

After this, if he has satisfied the Faculty of his good moral character and studious habits, he shall be fully admitted as a member of the institution and his name and age, with the name and abode of his parent or guardian registered in the Matriculation Book.

2. No student shall, during the session, attend the instruction of any person who is not an officer of the College, without special permission from the Faculty.

3. A term report on work and con-

duct will be forwarded to each student, or, in case of minors, to parent or guardian.

More frequent reports may be furnished whenever, in the judgment of the Faculty, this shall seem advisable.

SECTION II.

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENTS.

1. The students are regarded as members of a family, associated for the purpose of improvement, and they are to conduct themselves accordingly.

The authorities of the College make it a prime object to encourage the spirit of self government among the students. It is desired to make good order, courtesy, punctuality and attentiveness established customs in the College, which the students shall take pride in perpetuating. All organizations among the students, which directly or indirectly foster this spirit, as literary societies, and the Young Men's Christian Association, receive the encouragement of the Faculty.

Certain special regulations are, however, essential to the highest efficiency of the institution, and the following offenses are therefore specified, as among those which must be particularly guarded against :

The use of intoxicating liquors ; gam-

bling, or playing at any game for money or other things of value; keeping or carrying firearms or any other deadly weapons, or using such in the borough of Carlisle; disturbing the inhabitants of Carlisle; and all other breaches of good morals or good citizenship; dishonesty in any examination; refusing or neglecting, when required, to appear before the Faculty or the President; disobedience to the sentence of the Faculty for any offense; refusing to give testimony in any case, when required by the Faculty, or falsifying therein; challenging, assaulting, or endeavoring to injure or annoy any student; hazing in every form; defacing or injuring the buildings, furniture, apparatus, books, or any other property in or about the College; visiting any improper place of amusement; boarding at or resorting to hotels and saloons; being absent from Carlisle at night without special permission of the class dean; unnecessary noise in the college buildings or on the campus during recitation hours and after the evening bell; general athletic sports on the campus; and in general, all behavior inconsistent with the good order and prosperity of the College.

2. The punishments which may be inflicted are private admonition, official notice to the parent or guardian, public

admonition, suspension, dismissal, and expulsion. The frequency and repetition of offenses shall aggravate the punishment.

No student, whether suspended, dismissed, or expelled, shall be restored, except upon evidence of contrition and reformation satisfactory to the Faculty.

3. Offenses of various kinds may be committed by a number of students, and it may be thought unnecessary to punish all the offenders; in such cases, the Faculty may punish so many and such of them as may be necessary to secure good order.

4. During vacations students shall be answerable for vicious and immoral conduct as during the sessions.

5. As students may be guilty of disorders and misdemeanors not specified in these laws, a discretionary authority must necessarily be lodged with the Faculty to meet such emergencies.

SECTION III.

ROOMS AND BOARDING.

1. The boarding and rooming of the students shall be under the direction of the Faculty.

2. Every student not residing with his parent or guardian shall lodge in the college buildings, unless the rooms be

full, in which case the Faculty shall adopt such regulations as will best promote the interests of the College.

3. No person shall be employed about the College to perform service for the students, except by permission of the President.

4. Boarding clubs may be organized and conducted by the students, as the needs of the College require, the same being at all times subject to the supervision and control of the President.

SECTION IV.

COMMENCEMENT AND DEGREES.

1. Commencement shall be held on the first Wednesday after the first Sunday of June.

2. On the day of commencement such candidates as the Faculty shall have previously appointed shall perform the exercises assigned them. A fair copy of each performance, after its approval by the President, shall be deposited in the archives of the College.

3. Diplomas shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and shall be delivered on payment of the usual fee of five dollars.

4. All balls, dances, and improper entertainments are prohibited from being

accompaniments of the commencement, under such penalties as the Faculty may impose.

SECTION V.

RELIGIOUS DUTIES.

1. There shall be devotional exercises in the college chapel every morning under the direction of the President and professors.

2. Students shall attend one regular preaching service every Sunday.

SECTION VI.

COLLEGE EXPENDITURES.

1. The college bills for each session shall be paid within ten days after its commencement, as specified in the annual catalogue.

2. All damage to the college property shall be assessed equally on all students at such times during each college year as the President may direct; with the proviso, that the perpetrator of such damage, when discovered, shall in every case make good the same, and may be subject to a fine not exceeding ten times the amount of damage done, the same to be determined by the Faculty of the College and placed to the credit of the general damage account.

Any student refusing to meet any damage assessment will not be advanced in his class, and may be dismissed from the College.

3. Any student who shall fail, within the specified time to pay the college bill, may be required, at the discretion of the Faculty, to absent himself from the recitations of his class, until he shall have complied with this rule; *Provided*, due notice shall have been given to his parent or guardian; and no student shall receive an honorable dismissal or diploma, until the bills for college fees and boarding have been settled.

4. Should a student arrive after the commencement of a session, and before one-half of it has expired, he shall pay all the college charges for the session, but at any time after that, one-half of the same. Members of College absent a full session or year, shall pay half their term bills for the same, when regularly advanced.

SECTION VII.

LITERARY SOCIETIES AND OTHER COLLEGE ORGANIZATIONS.

1. The Belles Lettres and Union Philosophical Societies are integral parts of the institution, and shall be under the protection and control of the Faculty,

and their property under the guardianship of the Board of Trustees.

2. Their meetings shall be at such hours as the Faculty may direct.

3. Resistance to the requisitions of the Faculty, by either society, shall subject the same to a suspension of privileges during the will of the Faculty.

4. All other organizations connected in any way with the life of the College shall be subject to Faculty supervision and review.

SECTION VIII.

STANDING AND GRADING OF STUDENTS.

1. Standing shall be determined by term work and examinations.

2. Marks upon all recitations, examinations or other exercises shall be on a scale from zero to ten, unexcused absences being counted as zero.

3. In determining the standing for the Freshman and Sophomore classes, examinations shall count one-fourth, and term work three-fourths of the total; for the Junior and Senior classes the proportionate value of each shall be determined by the instructor.

4. On the basis of standing thus determined the class in each subject shall at the end of each term be divided into four groups—A, B, C, D. Students who

are conditioned and required to pass another examination, or to repeat the work with the succeeding class, constitute a fifth group, E. Report and record of these groups shall be made at the end of each term.

5. Examinations shall be held at the close of the Fall, Winter, and Spring terms, at mid-year, or, by special action of the Faculty, upon the completion of an integral part of any subject. Examinations of Seniors at the end of the Winter term shall be optional with the instructors.

6. Dishonesty in any examination is a grave offense, and any student found guilty of the same shall be suspended from College for not less than four weeks, the parents shall be notified, and the student required to leave town.

7. A student whose work is not satisfactory to the instructor may, with the approval of the Faculty, be excluded from examination thereon and required to repeat the work with the succeeding class.

8. In case of any conflict in recitation scheme resulting from a student's being required to repeat work with the succeeding class, the study of lower grade must be pursued.

9. At the close of the year the class shall be divided on the basis of standing

into four groups—A, B, C, D. Students advanced with the class, but deficient in any work, shall constitute a fifth group, E.

10. Standing shall be reported to the students, whether by instructor or secretary, by group letters only.

11. The four members of the graduating class who have obtained the highest standing for the course, shall be awarded honorary orations. The remainder of the class shall be divided into four sections according to the standing during their connection with the College.

The four students who have maintained the highest excellence in composition and oratory during the Junior and Senior years, shall be awarded commencement orations; *Provided*, that no student shall be awarded a commencement appointment who has been connected with the College less than two years, and who has not also been connected with one of the literary societies for at least one-half of the time of his connection with the College.

SECTION IX.

ABSENCES, DEMERITS, AND DELINQUENCY EXAMINATIONS.

1. Each student shall be allowed a certain number of absences from college

exercises, for which no excuse will be required; but the absence of an entire class or any large part of the same from any college requirement cannot be made a part of these allowed absences. Such absence will be treated separately by the Faculty and such penalties inflicted as the case seems to merit.

2. The number of allowed absences in each study shall be ten per cent of the total number of exercises in that study.

3. When the total number of absences of a student during any term reaches eight per cent. of the total number of exercises for that term, the student shall be notified; when it reaches ten per cent. his parents shall be notified; when fifteen per cent he shall be suspended for at least four weeks. When the number of absences in any one study reaches twenty-five per cent. of the number of exercises in that study, he shall be suspended for a like period.

4. Each absence during the first three days of each term shall count as two absences.

5. When for any necessary cause there may be protracted or frequent absence from college duties, the student may appear before a committee of the Faculty and present a written statement of reasons

for such absence. If such absences be necessary in the judgment of the Faculty, they may be excused in whole or part over and above the allowed absences. [*However, before such excuse will be considered by the committee, the student must give good and sufficient excuse, not only for the excess of absences for which excuse is asked, but also for the ten per cent ordinarily allowed.*]

6. When a student is absent from any exercise, or performs it in a negligent manner, he may be required to make up the exercise at the discretion of the professor.

7. If the absences of any student from any study shall exceed ten per cent of the required exercises, all absences in excess of the ten per cent shall be demerited.

8. Demerits are given as follows: For each unexcused absence from recitation, lecture, declamation, or church, 5; for each unexcused absence from prayers, 3; for other offences, such number as the Faculty shall direct.

9. Forty demerits subject the student to a first reproof; sixty to a second; eighty to a third and last; and one hundred severs connection with the College for at least four weeks.

10. In case a student thus suspended

be re-admitted to college, demerits shall stand so far as class rank is concerned, but shall have no future disciplinary effect.

If during the remainder of the college year, however, he shall receive demerits exceeding that fraction of one hundred equal to the part of the year remaining, his connection with the College shall be severed without any privilege of re-admission.

11. At the end of the year one-half of all demerits above twenty-five on each student's record shall be carried over to the next year's record.

12. If, *for any cause whatever*, the absences of a student in a study shall exceed fifteen per cent, he shall before being admitted to the regular examination be required to pass a Preliminary Examination covering in a thorough and searching manner all the work of the term in said study.

If a student fails to pass such Preliminary Examination, he shall be considered as having failed in the Regular Examination.

13. Special Examinations will be held within two weeks of the end of each term and during the first three days of the fall term. Special Examinations may not be granted at other times without the permission of the Faculty.

14. Students failing in any Regular Examinations shall be required to pass the work in some Special Examination prior to the beginning of the subject by the next class, or, failing in this, shall repeat the subject with the next class.

15. Entrance conditions shall be made up at the close of the first term, or at the Special Examinations, within a year, at the discretion of the professor.