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Whereas the happiness and prosperity of every community (under the
direction of Divine Providence) depend greatly on the proper education of youth.
And whereas by the petition of a respectable number of the inhabitants of the
western parts of this commonwealth it appears that the institution of an university
near the town of Allegheny in the county of Allegheny for the instruction of
the rising generation would highly promote the best interests of the state and
in part fulfill an important constitutional injunction.
And whereas the trustees of the Pittsburgh academy by memorial have
represented that institution though in a respectable state of improvement as
in adequate to the accommodation and complete education of the students at
present attending that seminary and have expressed their desire that a
university should be established in their vicinity and that the funds
of the academy may be transferred for the use of such university.

Therefore

[Signature]
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Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in Seanct Assembly met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That there shall be erected and established near the town of Allegheny in the county of Allegheny an university for the education of youth in the learned and foreign languages, the useful arts sciences and literature, by the name and style of "The Western University of Pennsylvania."

The constitution whereof shall be and is hereby declared to be as is heretofore mentioned and defined that is to say

I. The Western University of Pennsylvania shall be under the management, direction and government of twenty-six trustees nine of whom shall form a quorum or board.

II. The first trustees of the said university shall be composed of the following persons viz. James Rob, George Stevenson, Francis Herren, Josiah Stockton, Robert Bruce, John Black, John Skull, John Mc. Swenden, William Wilkins, George Evans, Morgan Neville, Henry Baldwin, George Poe junier, Milla Ford, David, John Darrah, Samuel Roberts, Ebenezer Dennis Peter Moren, of the city of Pittsburg, William Robertson junier of the town of Allegheny.
McPherson, John Gilmore of Butler county, John Young, James Dilworth, John Reed of Westmoreland county, Robert Allen and James Morrison of Beaver county. Which trustees and their successors to be elected in the manner hereafter mentioned shall forever hereafter be one body politic and corporate with perpetual succession in deed and in law to all estates and purposes whatsoever by the name and title of The trustees of the Western university of Pennsylvania, by which name and title they the said trustees shall be known and capable at law and in equity to take to themselves and their successors for the use of the said university any estate in any manner's lands documents, instruments, goods, chattels, money or other effects by the gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assignment, will devise or bequest of any person or persons or bodies politic or corporate whatsoever. Provided the same do not exceed in the whole the yearly value of twenty thousand dollars. And the same mortgages lands, documents, instruments, and estate real and personal to grant bargain sell convey aforesaid devise and to farm, let and pledge out on interest or otherwise dispose of for the use of the said university in such manner as to them shall seem most beneficial to the institution. And to receive the
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records, issues, profits, income, and interest of the same and to apply the same
to the proper use and support of the said university. And by the same
name to sue, commence, prosecute and defend in like manner, and be impleaded in
any court of law or equity, and in all manner of suits or actions whatever.
And generally by and in the same name to do and transact all and every the
business touching or concerning the premises, or which shall be incidentally
necessary thereunto as fully and effectually as any body politic or corporate within
this commonwealth have power to manage their own concerns. And to hold, own,
and exercise all such powers, authorities, and jurisdiction as are customary in
other universities in the United States of America.

III. That the said trustees shall cause to be made for their use one common
fund with such devices and inscriptions thereon as they shall think proper under and by which
all deeds, diplomas, certificates, and acts of the said corporation shall pass and be authenticated.
And the same seal at their pleasure to break and devise a new one.

IV. That the said trustees shall meet at the town of Allegheny on the third
Monday of May next for the purpose of considering such measures as they may
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XVI. The principal and professors or a majority of them shall be styled "The faculty of the university" which faculty shall have the power of enforcing the regulations for the government of the pupils by rewarding or censoring them and finally by suspending such of them as shall continue refractory until the determination of the trustees can be had and by granting and conferring by and with the approbation of the trustees signed by their mantling such degrees in the liberal arts and sciences to such pupils of the university or others distinguished for their proficiency or merit as they shall think worthy of such degrees as are usually granted and conferred in other universities in the United States of America. And to grant to such graduates diplomas or certificates under their common seal and signed by the faculty to authenticate and perpetuate the memory of such graduation.

XVII. Persons of every religious denomination shall be capable of being elected trustees nor shall any person either as principal, professor, or pupil, be refused admittance for his conscientious persuasion in matters of religion provided his demeanor be orderly and correct.

XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that no member of the said corporation shall defect or annul any gifts, grants, devise or bequest to or
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from the said corporation provided the intent of the parties shall sufficiently appear upon the face of the gift, grant, will or other writing whereby any estate or interest was intended to pass to or from the said corporation nor shall any disease or nuisance of the rights, liberties, privileges, jurisdictions and authorities hereby granted to the said corporation or any of them create or cause a forfeiture thereof.

Sec. II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid That forty acres of the vacant lands belonging to the commonwealth bounded by or adjoining the limits of the town of Allegheny be and they are hereby granted to the trustees of the Western University of Pennsylvania to be forthwith laid off in one entire body in such part as the trustees shall designate upon which the university shall be erected to have and to hold the same to them and their successors forever and upon the application of any person duly authorised by the said trustees to the deputy surveyor of Allegheny county he shall survey or cause to be surveyed the lands as aforesaid and make return thereof and thereupon a patent shall be granted free of expense to the trustees of the Western University of Pennsylvania in the usual manner and form under the laws of this state in each case made and provided.

Sec. IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid That the trustees of the Pittsburg academy be authorised and they are hereby empowered to transfer and convey all the

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