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Articles of Incorporation for The Puget Sound University, 1888

University of Puget Sound

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I.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the undersigned, desirous of forming a Corporation for the establishment, operation, management and maintenance of a University of the highest class, under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which the various branches of literature, art and science, (including if the Trustees herein appointed or hereafter chosen shall so elect and determine, theology, law, medicine and technology) shall be taught, with power to confer degrees on individuals who are found on examination, or otherwise, to possess proper qualifications, or who shall comply with such conditions as the Trustees of said University shall, from time to time, prescribe, hereby adopt the following articles, viz:

FIRST. The names of persons concerned, and who have associated themselves to form a body politic, are: JOSEPHUS D. CAUGHRAN, WILLIAM H. WIFE, DAVID LISTER, CALVIN S. BARLOW, DAVID G. LESOURD and JOHN F. DEVORE, all citizens of the United States and residents of the County of Pierce in the Territory of Washington.

SECOND. The name of said Corporation shall be "THE PUGET SOUND UNIVERSITY", and its location and chief place of business shall be at or adjacent to the City of Tacoma in the County and Territory aforesaid.

THIRD. The said Corporation is not a joint stock company. The members thereof shall consist of its Board of Trustees who shall be selected and appointed as herein provided. Said Trustees shall be nominated by the Corporation at the Annual Meeting as provided by its By-Laws, subject always to the confirmation of said selection by the Puget Sound Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at the next annual session thereafter of said Conference. And in the event of the change of name or boundaries of said Conference, then such selection or confirmation shall be
made by the proper Conference of said Methodist Episcopal Church, within whose boundaries the City of Tacoma may be located.

FOURTH. The object and purpose of said Corporation shall be the establishment, management and maintenance of a University of the highest class, under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which the various branches of learning, literature, art, music, science and physical education, (including if the trustees herein appointed or hereafter chosen shall so elect and determine, theology, law, medicine and technology), shall be taught, and also the establishment of such other departments of culture, learning, discipline or development, as shall, in the judgment of the Trustees of said University, now or in the future promote and advance the physical, moral and mental development of such young persons of either sex as may place themselves, or be placed under the management of the said Trustees or the teachers and professors appointed by them, and to confer such degrees, honorary or otherwise, on individuals who are found, on examination or otherwise, to possess proper qualifications, or who shall comply with such conditions as the Trustees of said University shall from time to time prescribe.

FIFTH. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, but the two offices last named may be held by one person and all shall be members of the Board of Trustees and shall be elected by said Board. Any other officers created by the By-Laws to be hereafter adopted shall be chosen by the Board of Trustees hereinafter named, or which shall from time to time be elected, and hold their respective offices for the time provided in said By-Laws.

SIXTH. The Trustees to manage the affairs of said University shall be twenty-one in number, of whom the Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church residing nearest to the City of Tacoma,
the Presiding Elder of the District in which the City of Tacoma shall be located and the Mayor of the City of Tacoma for the time being shall be ex-officio members, and the remaining eighteen shall be elected for the term of three years or until their successors are elected and qualified. The eighteen elected in 1889 shall proceed to draw lots and one third thereof or six Trustees shall hold their offices for one year, six shall hold their offices for two years, and the remaining six for three years, and all Trustees elected thereafter shall hold their offices for the term of three years, and until their successors are elected and qualified, provided always that the majority of said Board of Trustees elected at any election shall be residents of Pierce County, Washington Territory, and a majority of said Board at all times shall be members of the said Methodist Episcopal Church. Provided also that after the first annual nomination of six Trustees, no outgoing Trustee shall participate in any manner in such nomination or selection. In the event of failure of the Board to nominate at their Annual Meeting, or the death of or refusal to act of any person so nominated, the Conference may proceed to an election to fill such vacancy without a previous nomination by the Board. Vacancies occurring after the adjournment of Conference shall be filled until the next meeting of Conference by selection of the Board of Trustees.

SEVENTH. The names of the Trustees for the first year after the organization of the Corporation, and until their successors shall be confirmed by the said Puget Sound Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at its next regular annual meeting and until they shall be duly qualified are: Charles H. Fowler, D. D. Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church residing in San Francisco, State of California, or his successor nearest residing to the City of Tacoma, Reverend Charles D. Brown Presiding Elder of the Olympia

Said Trustees shall have the control of the affairs, business and policy of said University, educational, financial and otherwise, subject always to the supervisory control of the Methodist Episcopal Church in accordance with its discipline for the government of its Educational Institutions; with power to appoint such teachers, professors, tutors, janitors, servants or agents as in their judgment will best promote the interests of said University, and to make such contracts and to authorize the President to execute such instruments whether relating to the personal or real property of said University or to any other matter relating to or cognate with the purpose and object for which the said University is organized as hereinbefore set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The undersigned as corporators have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals this seventeenth day of March, A. D. 1888.
Territory of Washington
County of Pierce s. s.

THIS CERTIFIES, that on this seventeenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight, before me a Notary Public, in and for Washington Territory, personally came Josephus D. Coughran, William H. Pife, David Lister, Calvin S. Barlow, David G. Lesourd and John F. DeVore, personally known to me to be the individuals whose names are subscribed to and who executed the foregoing Articles and acknowledged to me, that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Notary Public in and for Washington Territory.
Territory of Washington

County of Pierce: as s

Josephus D. Caughran, William H. Fife

David Lister, Calvin S. Barlow, David G. Lesourd and John F. DeVore

being severally sworn, each for himself doth depose and say, that
they are the persons named as corporators in the foregoing instru-
ment, and are fully acquainted with the contents thereof: and that
the same correctly sets forth the objects of said corporation and
the condition upon which said corporation is organized, and that
every part of said instrument is true and correct as they verily
believe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this seventeenth day of March,
A. D. 1888.

Notary Public in and for Wash. Ter.