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Order should be the Result of choice and not necessity, and the common wishes of the People become the Laws of the Land, their public prosperity and even existence very much depends upon suitably forming the minds and morals of their Citizens. When the Minds of people in general are viciously disposed and unprincipled and their Conduct more horrid than the wild, uncultivated State of Nature. It can only be happy where the public principles and Opinions are properly directed and their Manners regulated. This well to the national prosperity to encourage and support the principles of Religion and morality, and early to place the youth under the forming hand of Society that by instruction they may be moulded to the love of Virtue and good Order. Sending them abroad to other countries for their education will not answer these purposes, - is too humiliating an acknowledgment of the Ignorance or Inferiority of our own, and will always be the This Country in the times of our common danger and distress found such Security in the principles and abilities which wise regulations had before established in the minds of our Land to render the like glorious & essential Services to our country. And whereas for the great purpose of internal education, divers allotments of land have, at different times, hundred and eighty three, and February One thousand seven hundred and eighty four, all of which may be comprehended and made the basis of one general and complete establishment.

2nd All Statutes, laws and Ordinances for the Government of the University shall be made, and enacted by the two boards united or a majority of each of them, subject always to be laid before the General Assembly, as often as required, and to be repealed, or disallowed, as the General Assembly shall think proper.  

3rd PROPERTY vested in the University shall never be sold, without the joint concurrence of the two boards, and by a resolution of the Legislature; but the Leasing farming & managing of the property of the University, or its constant support shall be the business of the board of Trustees. FOR this purpose they are hereby constituted a body corporate, and politic, by the name of TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA; by which they shall have perpetual succession, and shall and may be a person in Law, capable to plead, and be impleaded, defend, and be defended, answer, and be answered unto, also to have, take, possess, acquire, purchase or otherwise receive Lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, Chattels, or other estates, and the same to lease, use, manage, or improve for the good, and benefit of said University, and all property given, or granted to or by the Government of this State for the advancement of learning in general, is hereby vested in such Trustees in TRUST as herein described.

4th As the appointment of a person to be the President and head of the University one of the first and most important concerns, on which its respect, and usefulness greatly depend, the board of Trustees shall first examine, and nominate, but the Appointment of the President shall be by the two boards jointly, who shall also have the power of removing him from Office, for a misdemeanor, unfaithfulness or incapacity.  

5th THERE shall be a stated annual meeting of the SENATUS ACADEMICUS at the University, or at any other place, or time to be appointed by themselves, at which the Governor of the State, or in his absence the President of Council shall preside, their records to be kept by the Secretary of the University.  

6th As the affairs, and business of the University may make more frequent Meetings of the Trustees necessary, The President and two of the members are empowered to appoint a meeting of the board, notice always to be given to the respective Members thus convened shall be a legal Meeting, in case of the Death, Absence or incapacity of the President, the senior Trustee shall preside, the Majority of the Members present shall be considered a Vote of the whole, and where the Members are divided, the President shall have a casting Vote; PROVIDED always that nothing done, at these special meetings, shall have any force, or efficacy after the rising of the then next Annual Meeting of the Trustees.  

7th THE TRUSTEES shall have the power, of filling up all Vacancies of their own board, and appointing Professors, Tutors, Secretaries, Treasurers, Steward, or any other Officers which they may think necessary, and the same to discontinue, or remove as they may think fit, but not without seven of their Number at least, concurring in such Act.  

8th THE TRUSTEES shall prescribe the Course of Public Studies, appoint the Salaries of the different Officers, form and use a public Seal, adjust, and determine the expenses, and adopt such regulations, not otherwise provided for, which the good of the University may render necessary.

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“Through the Public Service and Outreach Scholars Program, I interned with the Marine Extension in Athens and Brunswick, where I do everything from research about oysters to test hair samples for mercury. The experience gave me a better understanding of the university’s role in service to the community and how research, education and service are interconnected at UGA. This past summer, I went to UGA Costa Rica as one of the sustainability interns to write the campus’s 2012 Sustainability Report, which we hope to finish by the end of this year.”

Amy Wong ’14, an environmental health sciences major from Lilburn, GA
The First are student leaders. They lead in one or more of the 650 student organizations, 32 fraternities and 26 sororities on campus. They are student athletes, contributing to a long-standing tradition of athletic excellence. They are Dawgs—diverse, talented, passionate Dawgs—passionate about everything from solving hunger to winning the SEC. And they’re what make UGA so special.

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