

We, the subscribers, hereby associate ourselves as a corporation under the laws of the State of Vermont, under the name

BENNINGTON COLLEGE CORPORATION

for the purpose of establishing and maintaining at Bennington in the County of Bennington and State of Vermont an institution of learning for (the) higher education (of women,) with power and authority to acquire by gift, grant, bequest or otherwise, and hold property, real and personal, and convey the same; receive, hold, manage and administer gifts and bequests in trust for the purposes of the corporation; prescribe requirements for admission, graduation and courses of study; confer degrees, diplomas and honors; employ such persons as in the judgment of the trustees may be necessary or requisite for carrying on the purposes of the corporation; fix student fees for all purposes and do and perform any and all other acts and functions for the proper conduct and administration of an institution for the advancement of science and learning.

The direction and management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of trustees. The first board of trustees shall consist of the incorporators who shall choose a permanent board of fifteen members, two of whom shall hold office for one year, two for two years, two for three years, two for four years, two for five years, two for six years and three for seven years. The members of the board of trustees shall elect successors to trustees whose terms expire, each for a period of seven years, and shall fill vacancies for unexpired terms.

The incorporators shall cease to be members of the corporation after they have chosen said board of trustees. Thereafter the trustees, while in office, shall be the members of the corporation.

The principal office of the Corporation shall be at Bennington aforesaid.

The Corporation shall have no capital stock and is not organized for profit.

Dated at Bennington, Vt., this 15th day of April 1925.



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Bennington College  
Corporation

Bennington, Vt.

Articles of Association

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DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE



Educational Conference held at Bennington,  
 Vermont, September, 1924, attended by -  
 Prof. William H. Kilpatrick, Teachers' College, Columbia  
 University, N.Y. City.  
 Mrs. Frances Fenton Bernard, Dean of Smith College, North-  
 hampton, Mass.  
 Miss Florence Bigelow, Walnut Hill School, Boston, Mass.  
 Dean Currier, New Jersey Law School, New Jersey.  
 Theodore L. Davis, Dean of College of Practical Arts,  
 Boston University, Boston, Mass.  
 Miss S. Agnes, Donham, Boston, Mass.  
 Prof. Burgess Johnson, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.  
 Miss Eliza Kellas, President of Russell Sage College &  
 Emma Willard School, Troy, N.Y.  
 Miss Amy Kelly, Bryn Mawr School, Baltimore, Md.  
 Prof. Arthur C. Norton, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass.  
 Eugene Randolph Smith, Beaver Hill School, Brookline, Mass.  
 Mrs. Margaret J. Stannard, Garland School, Boston, Mass.  
 Dr. Charles F. Thwing, President Emeritus of Western Reserve,  
 University, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Theodore H. Wilson, Principal St. Johnsbury Academy, St. John-  
 sbury, Vt.

At the close of the Conference, the following sugges-  
 tions were unanimously adopted:

The group of men and women invited to discuss the pro-  
 posal that a new college be established at Bennington agree  
 upon the following suggestions:

- (1) That it be for women only.
- (2) That there is need for such a new college, first,  
 because existing colleges for women are overcrowded; and,  
 second, because a new institution will be free to bring ed-  
 ucational practice into line with more recent progress in

educational theory.

(3) That this college should be the equal of the best colleges for women as regards its standards for entrance and graduation.

(4) The college should appeal exclusively to no particular type but should expect to draw students from all sections and all economic groups; seeking especially such students as expect to live simply and work seriously.

(5) That the college should not commit itself to the traditional subjects for entrance preparation, nor to the written subject examination as the principle means of testing fitness for entrance, but should avail itself of the newer methods of testing ability and promise; and that the college should admit the girl of exceptional ability even though that ability is not manifested along all the usually demanded lines.

(6) While the actual curriculum should be determined only as the result of prolonged and careful study by those who will be placed in educational charge, yet it seems to us desirable that it be based closely upon life and the enrichment of life; and that fields of human interest be the units for curriculum construction rather than limited portions of subject matter. That the curriculum shall not only present information concerning fields of endeavor open to women, but shall also offer courses that give the fundamental preparation on which more technical and direct training could later be based.

(7) That specific provision be made for personality study, with the objects first, of helping the college to select its students; second, of helping each girl to direct her college work, to choose her vocation, and, in general, to realize her fullest potentialities in living.

(8) That every step in the founding of the college be taken in the light of the best available educational thought and experience; and that specific measures be adopted at the founding to keep the college continuously abreast of the best educational thought of the time.

We, the undersigned, being a majority of the subscribers of the Articles of Association of BENNINGTON COLLEGE CORPORATION, hereby certify:

1. That attached hereto is a list of educators who, at the invitation of the executive committee representing those interested in the establishment of a new college at Bennington, assembled at a conference in Bennington in the summer of 1924.

2. That attached hereto are the suggestions unani- mously agreed upon at the said conference.

3. That it is the purpose of the Bennington College Corporation and the incorporators thereof to establish said college in conformity with the said suggestions.

Dated, Bennington, Vermont, this 15th day of April, 1925.

Edna H. McCullough -

Wm. H. Patrick

Hall H. McCullough

Orin Brown

Wm. D. Hall

E. H. Hadden

Frank A. Hays

Vincent Ravi Booth

Hazel M. Wills

T. A. E. Howe

Fred C. Martin

Walter H. Berry

Robert M. Partridge

Wm. Partridge Spoonmaker

Ernest H. Manning

J. S. Taylor

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