

CHARTER
of
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

As set up in original application
for charter

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Corporation shall be UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI; its location Dade County, Florida.

ARTICLE II.

The purposes for which this Corporation is formed are as follows: To found, maintain and conduct a scientific institution of learning; having a department of fine arts; a department of agriculture, mechanical and industrial arts; a scientific and classical department; a normal department for the training and instruction of white teachers; and such other departments as may from time to time be added in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws; with particular emphasis on the regional problems and development of South Florida; the class rooms of said University, so far as practical, to be out of doors; to own, buy, sell and mortgage real estate and personal property and to use all income derived therefrom in its work and not for the benefit of the members of said corporation.

ARTICLE III.

Any reputable individual interested in the general advancement of South Florida shall be eligible to membership and shall be elected as provided by the by-laws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV.

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V.

The names and residences of the subscribers are as follows:

W. E. Walsh
Frederic Zeigen
Ruth Bryan Owen
W. J. Bryan
B. B. Tatum
Frank B. Shutts
Clayton Sedgwick Cooper
Thomas J. Pancoast

E. G. Sewell
Mitchell D. Price
James M. Cox
George E. Merrick
Henry Salem Hubbell
Bertha M. Foster
Leslie B. Robertson

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The government of the affairs of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of fifteen (15) Regents, ten or more of whom shall be residents of Dade County, Florida, who shall be nominated and elected from members of the corporation at the annual meeting thereof. At the first annual meeting, held on the first Monday of February, 1926, the five nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for three years, the five receiving the next highest shall serve for two years, and the others elected shall serve for one year. At each annual meeting thereafter five regents shall be elected to serve three years and until their successors are elected or appointed. Within ten days after the annual election the Board of Regents shall meet and elect officers for the ensuing year -- a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. The President and Vice-President shall be elected from the Board of Regents, but the Secretary and Treasurer may be elected from members of the corporation. The Board of Regents shall have power to engage and employ a president of the university, deans of various departments, and necessary faculty for the university; and such other officers and employees as they shall deem necessary; their duties shall be prescribed and their compensation fixed by the board. The powers and duties of the chief executive officers of the corporation shall be fixed by the by-laws. The Board of Regents shall have power to establish courses of study, and award degrees and honors upon completion of such courses; and also to award honorary degrees in such cases as they deem proper. The Board of Regents shall have power to establish a list of founders of the University, which shall consist of not more than 1000 individuals, who shall have paid within one year after the granting of the charter the sum of not less than \$1,000. each to this University.

ARTICLE VII.

The names of the Regents and officers who are to manage the corporate affairs until the first election are as follows:

Regents:	W. E. Walsh	- President
	Frederic Zeigen	- Secretary and Treasurer
	Ruth Bryan Owen	- Vice-President
	W. J. Bryan	
	B. B. Tatum	
	Frank B. Shutts	
	Clayton Sedgwick Cooper	
	Thomas J. Pancoast	
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ARTICLE VIII.

The by-laws of the corporation may be changed, amended or rescinded at the annual meeting of the corporation, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice of such proposed amendment and amendments shall have been mailed to each member at least five days before such meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

The highest amount of indebtedness of liability to which the corporation shall at any time subject itself shall be Five Million (\$5,000,000) Dollars.

ARTICLE X.

The Corporation may hold real estate to the value of Ten Million (\$10,000,000) Dollars, subject however to the approval of the Circuit Judge.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this third day of March, A.D., 1925.

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Application for charter approved April 8, 1925 by
H. F. Atkinson, Judge.