

COLUMBIA BIBLE COLLEGE ACT**CHAPTER 33**

Assented to June 26, 1987.

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

Interpretation**1. In this Act**

"board" means the Board of Directors of the College;

"college" means Columbia Bible College;

"president" means the President of the Columbia Bible College;

"society" means Columbia Bible Institute Society.

Incorporation continued

2. The Columbia Bible Institute Society, incorporated under the *Society Act* as Columbia Bible Institute Society, is continued and constituted under this Act as a corporation under the name "Columbia Bible College".

Objects

3. The objects of the college are to provide Christian training for people of any race, colour or Christian creed.

Board of Directors

4. (1) The management and administration of the property, revenue, business and affairs of the college is the responsibility of the board.

(2) Subject to this Act, the members of the board may exercise all the powers set out in the bylaws of the college and are members of the college.

(3) The persons who, on the coming into force of this Act, are members of the Board of Directors of the society, shall continue as members of the board until their successors are elected or appointed.

(4) The members of the board shall be elected, in accordance with the bylaws, at the annual meeting of the college.

Bylaws

5. (1) The members of the college may make bylaws for all purposes relating to the affairs, business, property and objects of the college including bylaws respecting

- (a) the operation of the college, including the setting and publication of the college's doctrinal position,
- (b) meetings and transactions of the board,
- (c) appointment and membership of the board,
- (d) holding, place and conduct of meetings of the board and meetings of the college, the notices and consents prerequisite to the meetings, quorums, voting rights at meetings and all other matters in connection with the meetings,
- (e) the filling of vacancies in the board,
- (f) all matters relevant to the terms and conditions of employment of employees of the college and their termination,

- (g) the remuneration, if any, of officers and employees of the college,
 - (h) the exercise of borrowing powers,
 - (i) the audit of accounts of the college,
 - (j) the custody and use of the common seal of the college,
 - (k) the establishment, levying, payment, remission and collection of registration and any other fees and assessments, their amounts, and the requirements regarding their payment,
 - (l) the authorization of courses of study, normally requiring completion of secondary school for admission,
 - (m) the resolution of disputes arising out of the affairs of the college by arbitration under the *Commercial Arbitration Act* or otherwise,
 - (n) the conduct generally of the affairs of the college, and
 - (o) the granting of Theological Degrees and Honourary Theological Degrees.
- (2) The bylaws of the society, so far as they are not inconsistent with this Act, are continued as the bylaws of the college.
- (3) The board shall cause to be filed with the Registrar of Companies, a copy of the bylaws of the college and of all amendments to the bylaws

Agreements

6. The board, on the behalf of the college, may enter into an agreement with any university, college or other institution of learning or with any person respecting and providing for the cooperation in the exercise of any right, power privilege or function of the college.

Meetings of Board of Directors

7. (1) The board shall meet at least 3 times in each calendar year, and at other times it considers necessary.

(2) The members of the college shall provide bylaw for the giving of not less than 2 weeks' written notice of every meeting of the board to each member of the board.

(3) The board shall elect from among themselves a chairman, a secretary and whatever other officers they consider necessary and the chairman shall preside at all meetings of the board

Appointment of president

8. The members of the college, on the recommendation of the board, may appoint the president of the college.

President's power and duties

9. The president shall be the chief executive officer of the college and he shall supervise and direct the work of the college, the teaching and the administrative staff, and be responsible for student discipline.

Appointment of staff

10. The board, on the recommendation of the president, may appoint the Academic Dean, the Dean of Students, the librarian, the registrar, the bursar, the professors, the lecturers, the instructors and all other officers, clerks and employees as it considers necessary for the purposes of the college, and define their duties and their tenure of office or employment.

Administrative Committee

11. (1) There shall be an Administrative Committee comprising the President of the college, the Academic Dean, the Dean of Students, the Business Manager, the Director of Development and whatever other advisory members those 5 members may appoint and the president shall be the chairman of the Administrative Committee.

(2) The Administrative Committee has power to:

- (a) consider and determine all courses of study;
- (b) determine requirements for admission to the college;
- (c) recommend to the board courses of instruction in the college;
- (d) receive and consider and make recommendations respecting all academic matters;
- (e) conduct examinations and appoint examiners;
- (f) award scholars'hips, medals and prizes;
- (g) make rules and regulations respecting the conduct and activities of students;
- (h) publish the college calendar;
- (i) make rules and regulations for the conduct of its own affairs;
- (j) make recommendations to the board for the achievement of the objects and purposes of the college.

Property tax exemption

12. (1) The college is exempt from taxation, levies and all other charges imposed under the *Education (Interim) Finance Act*, the *Municipal Act*, the *School Act*, the *Municipal Finance Authority Act*, the *British Columbia Assessment Authority Act* and the *Taxation (Rural Area) Act* in respect of property

- (a) owned by it, or
 - (b) leased by it from the Crown, a municipality or a board of school trustees
- where that property is occupied by the college and used by it for educational purposes.

(2) This exemption shall be deemed to come into force on December 31, 1987.

Dissolution or winding up

13. (1) In the event of the winding up or dissolution of the college, funds and assets of the college remaining after the payment of all costs, charges and expenses properly incurred in the winding up, including the remuneration of a liquidator and after payment to employees of the college of any arrears of salaries and wages, and after the payment of any other debts of the college, shall be distributed to The B.C. Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches and The Conference of Mennonites in B.C. ("the participating conferences") on the following basis:

- (a) the initial funding contributions of the participating conferences to the society at its formation shall be returned to the respective conferences;
- (b) should the net assets of the college, at dissolution, not equal the total amount contributed by the participating conferences on the date of the society's incorporation, the net assets then remaining shall be disbursed proportionately to the participating conferences to reflect the value of the funds contributed and the value of the properties transferred to the society on the date of its incorporation;
- (c) should the net assets exceed the value of the funds and property contributed by the participating conferences to the society on the date of its incorporation, the surplus remaining, after the disbursements prescribed in paragraph (a) have been made, shall be disbursed to the participating conferences in direct proportion to the total membership of the 2 conferences.

(2) The provisions of the *Company Act* relating to the winding up of companies apply to the college, but a reference in that Act to a special resolution shall be deemed to be a reference to a resolution.

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