

full authority over all personnel and activities of the University, and may appoint or elect any person to serve as an officer, professor, lecturer, teacher, tutor, agent or employee of the University. Any person so appointed or elected may be removed by the board.

(b) The board may, by a vote of two-thirds of the individuals then serving as members of the board, adopt, amend, or repeal any bylaw of the University for—

- (1) the conduct of the purposes, business, and affairs of the University;
- or
- (2) the regulation of the internal government of the University.

(c) The board may, by a vote of two-thirds of the individuals then serving as members of the board, vote to merge the University with any other nonprofit organization.

Sec. 3. (a) The amendment made by section 2 constitutes a complete restatement of the charter of The George Washington University without disturbing the present and continuing corporate status of The George Washington University and supersedes all prior charter provisions of The George Washington University contained in the Act of February 9, 1821 (6 Stat. 255), and all amendments and supplements thereto.

(b) Each individual who is a member of the board of trustees of The George Washington University on the date of the enactment of this Act shall continue to serve as a member until the membership termination date applicable to such individual.

Thomas P. O'Neill

Speaker of the House of Representatives

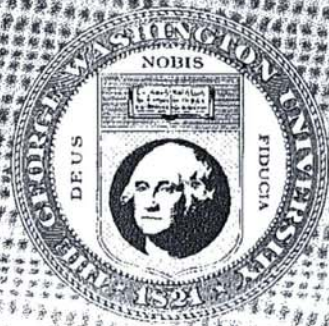
Henry F. Burton

Acting President of the Senate pro Tempore

APPROVED
Oct. 18, 1977

Jimmy Carter

The Charter of The George Washington University



AT THE FIRST SESSION

Began and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the fourth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven

An Act

To amend the Act of February 9, 1821, to restate the charter of
The George Washington University

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in
Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as "The George Washington University
Charter Restatement Act".

SEC. 1. The Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Columbia College in the District
of Columbia", approved February 9, 1821 (6 Stat. 255), is amended to read as follows:

ESTABLISHMENT

SECTION 1. There is established in the District of Columbia a university and a body
corporate which shall be known as The George Washington University (hereinafter in this
Act referred to as the University) and which shall have perpetual succession.

PURPOSES

SEC. 2. The purposes of the University are:
(1) to educate individuals in liberal arts, languages, sciences, learned profes-
sions, and other courses and subjects of study;
(2) to conduct scholarly research and publish the findings of such research;
(3) to operate hospital and medical facilities; and
(4) to engage in any activity incidental to the foregoing purposes.
Such purposes shall be accomplished without regard to the race, color, creed, sex, or
national origin of any individual.

POWERS

SEC. 3. In order to carry out the purposes of the University, the University may—
(1) grant or confer academic and honorary degrees, diplomas, and certificates
under the seal of the University;
(2) establish any school, division, or department of learning to become a part of
the University;
(3) receive, invest, and administer any gift or endowment of money or real or
personal property;
(4) borrow money, with or without any security for repayment, at rates of

interest determined by the board of trustees of the University without regard to the
restrictions of any usury law, but may not plead any usury law as a defense in any
action;

(5) enter into any agreement with any institution of learning for the purpose of
providing to students registered at such institution the educational facilities of the
University and the facilities of any agency of the United States available to the
University;

(6) exercise all powers described in section 5 of the District of Columbia Non-
profit Corporation Act (D.C. Code, sec. 29-1005) on the date of the enactment of
The George Washington University Charter Restatement Act and not inconsistent
with the purposes of the University; and

(7) exercise all powers necessary, incidental, or convenient to the conduct of the
purposes, business, and affairs of the University.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEC. 4. (a) The management, direction, and government of the University shall be
vested in a board of trustees (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the board). The bylaws
of the University shall provide for the election, number, term of office, residency require-
ments, qualifications, manner of election, filling of vacancies, and removal of members
of the board. The bylaws may provide that members of the board be elected to terms of
office commencing on different dates. The bylaws shall provide for appointment of an
executive committee and other committees composed of members of the board with any
power and authority, including any power and authority of the board, provided for in the
bylaws of the University.

(b) No bylaw of the University which establishes qualifications for membership on the
board may permit any individual (except the president of the University) to serve as a
member of the board during the period in which the individual is serving as an officer,
professor, lecturer, teacher, tutor, or employee of the University.

AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEC. 5. (a) The board shall be responsible for the exercise of all powers and the
discharge of all duties of the University in a manner consistent with this Act, shall have