

HOUSE No. 1650

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, February 25, 1938.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

I am transmitting herewith the petition of C. Ruggles Smith, President of the Trustees of Middlesex University, to amend its charter and to broaden its degree-granting powers.

The Department of Education, after a hearing granted to the petitioners before the Board of Education, recommends that the petition be granted with the following changes: on page 2 of the act, in lines twelve and thirteen, eliminate the words "with and without specification"; in lines thirteen and fourteen on page 2 eliminate the words "Master of Arts and Master of Science, with and without specification", and in lines seventeen and eighteen the words "as well as such honorary degrees as are usually conferred by colleges and universities".

Very truly yours,

JAMES G. REARDON,
Commissioner of Education.

By Mr. Landry of Watertown, petition of C. Ruggles Smith (president) for amendment of the act incorporating the Trustees of Middlesex University and relative to the powers of said corporation in the granting of degrees. Education.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight.

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TRUSTEES OF MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter three hundred and twenty-six of the acts
- 2 of nineteen hundred and thirty-seven is hereby
- 3 amended by striking out section two and inserting in
- 4 place thereof the following: —
- 5 *Section 2.* The said corporation shall have full
- 6 power and authority to determine at what times and
- 7 places their meetings shall be held, and the manner of
- 8 notifying the trustees to convene at such meetings;
- 9 from time to time to elect a president of said uni-
- 10 versity, and such professors, instructors, teachers, and
- 11 other officers of said university, as they shall judge
- 12 most for the interest thereof, and to determine the
- 13 duties, salaries, emoluments, responsibilities, and ten-
- 14 ures of their several offices; and the said corporation
- 15 is further empowered to purchase or erect, and keep
- 16 in repair, such houses and other buildings as they
- 17 shall judge necessary for said university; to make

18 and ordain, as occasion may require, reasonable rules,
19 orders, and by-laws for the regulation of their own
20 body; to determine and regulate the courses of in-
21 struction in said university; and said corporation
22 may receive and hold real or personal estate, by gift,
23 grant, devise, bequest, or otherwise, to an amount
24 not to exceed five million dollars; and shall have all
25 appropriate rights, privileges, immunities, and pow-
26 ers, including the power to confer the degrees of
27 bachelor of arts and bachelor of science, with and
28 without specification, master of arts and master of
29 science, with and without specification, doctor of
30 medicine, doctor of veterinary medicine, doctor of
31 surgical chiropody, and doctor of surgical podiatry,
32 upon candidates recommended by the faculties of its
33 respective schools, as well as such honorary degrees
34 as are usually conferred by colleges and universities.

