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# Governance at Otterbein

A Working Model



2. **That the Governance, Bylaws and Communication Committee be directed by the Senate to do a complete review of Otterbein's governance system, and to recommend changes, in accordance with Article XV, 2, E.**

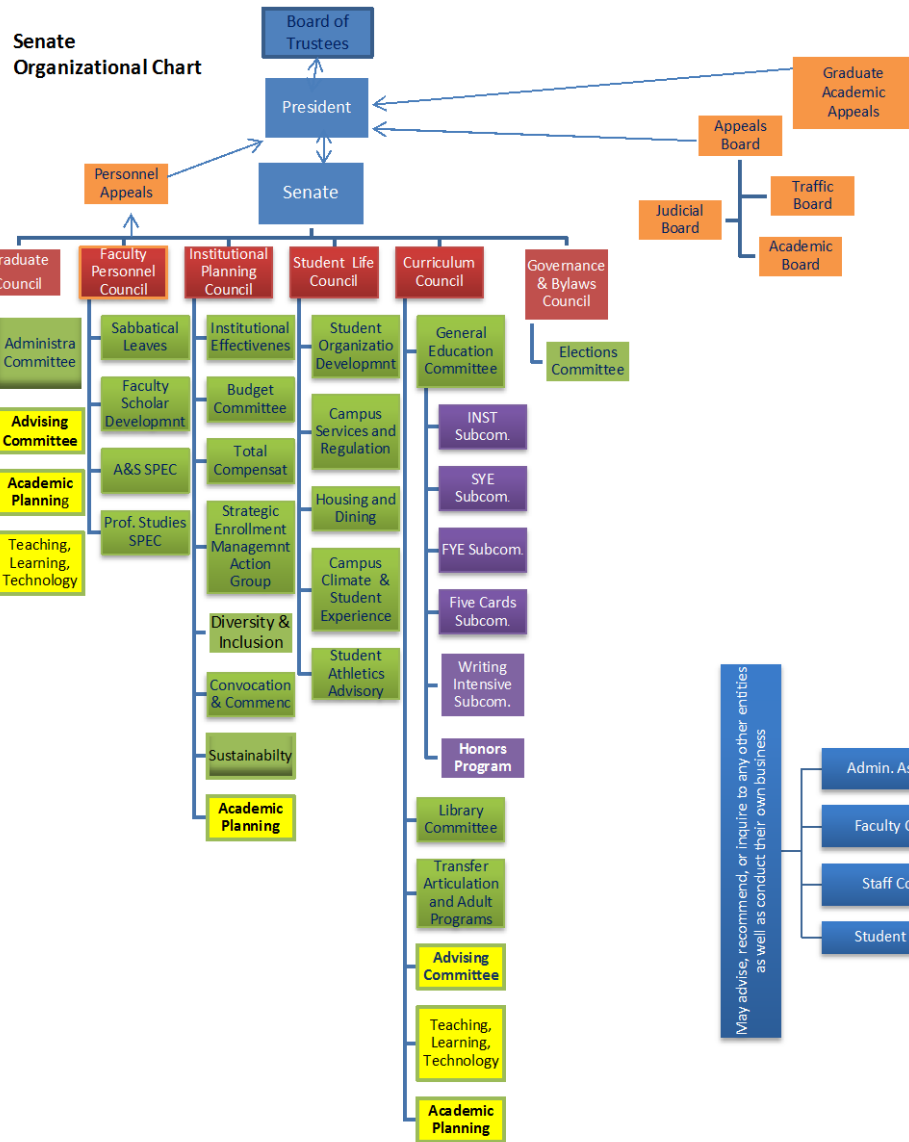
There is broad agreement that the current governance system is not functioning effectively. We believe that it is not being used to full advantage. But we also know that it is unwieldy and inefficient. It needs to be examined.

<b>Article XV. Governance, Bylaws and Communication Committee</b>
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1502 A. to examine the campus Bylaws annually to see if wording is up-to-date pertaining to current practices, and to submit corrective legislation, as appropriate, to the Administrative Council;

1503 B. to receive questions from any Senator, committee, or committee member on governance proceedings of any kind, as they relate to the Bylaws and to make advisory opinions on such questions to the University Senate or appropriate committee for consideration;

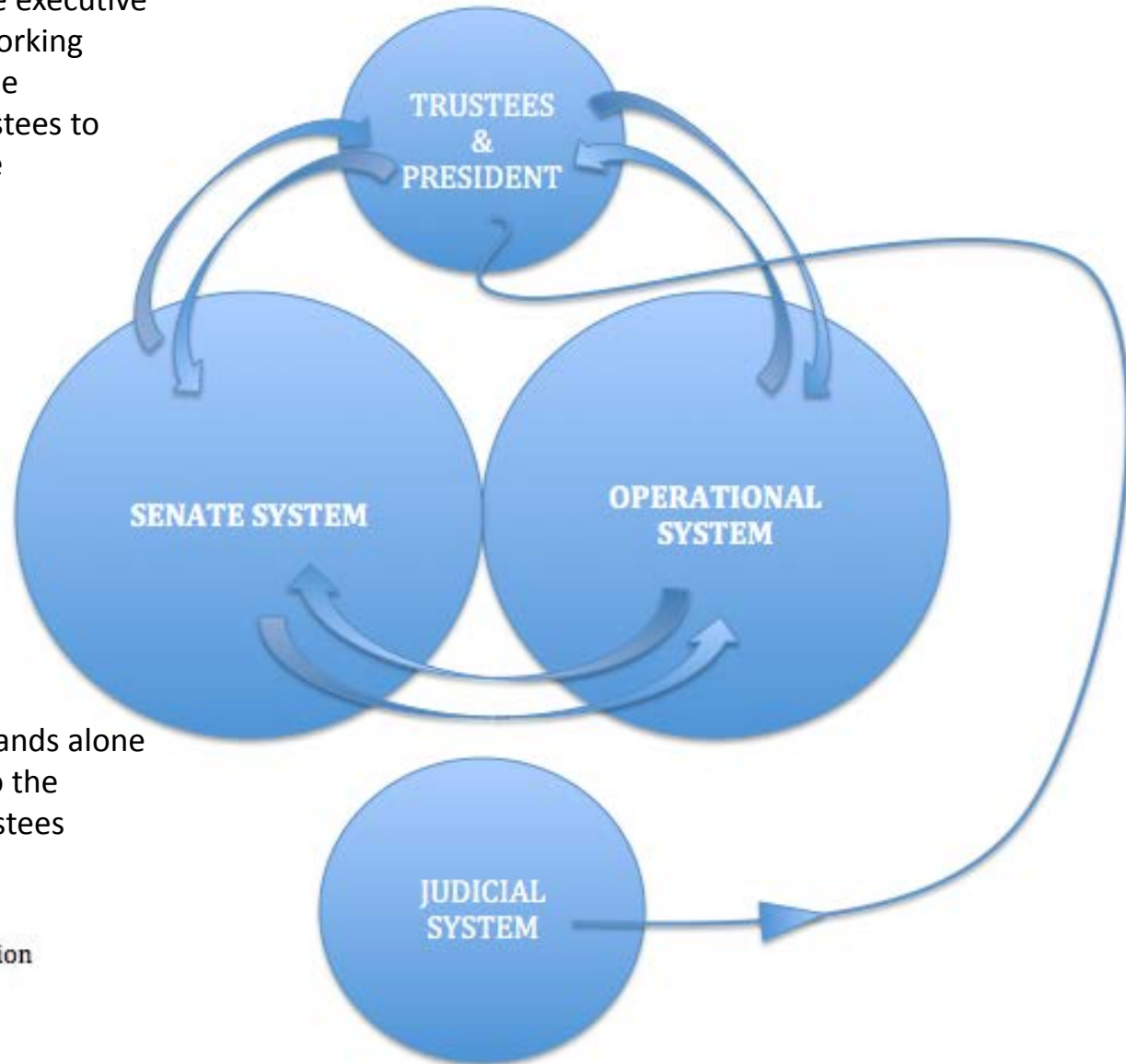
1506 E. **to serve in an advisory role to the campus community in facilitating the introduction of proposals for Bylaws and other rule changes;**




Yellow boxes are joint committees

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This graph shows the legislative Senate System and the executive Operational System working collaboratively with the President and the Trustees to solve problems for the community.



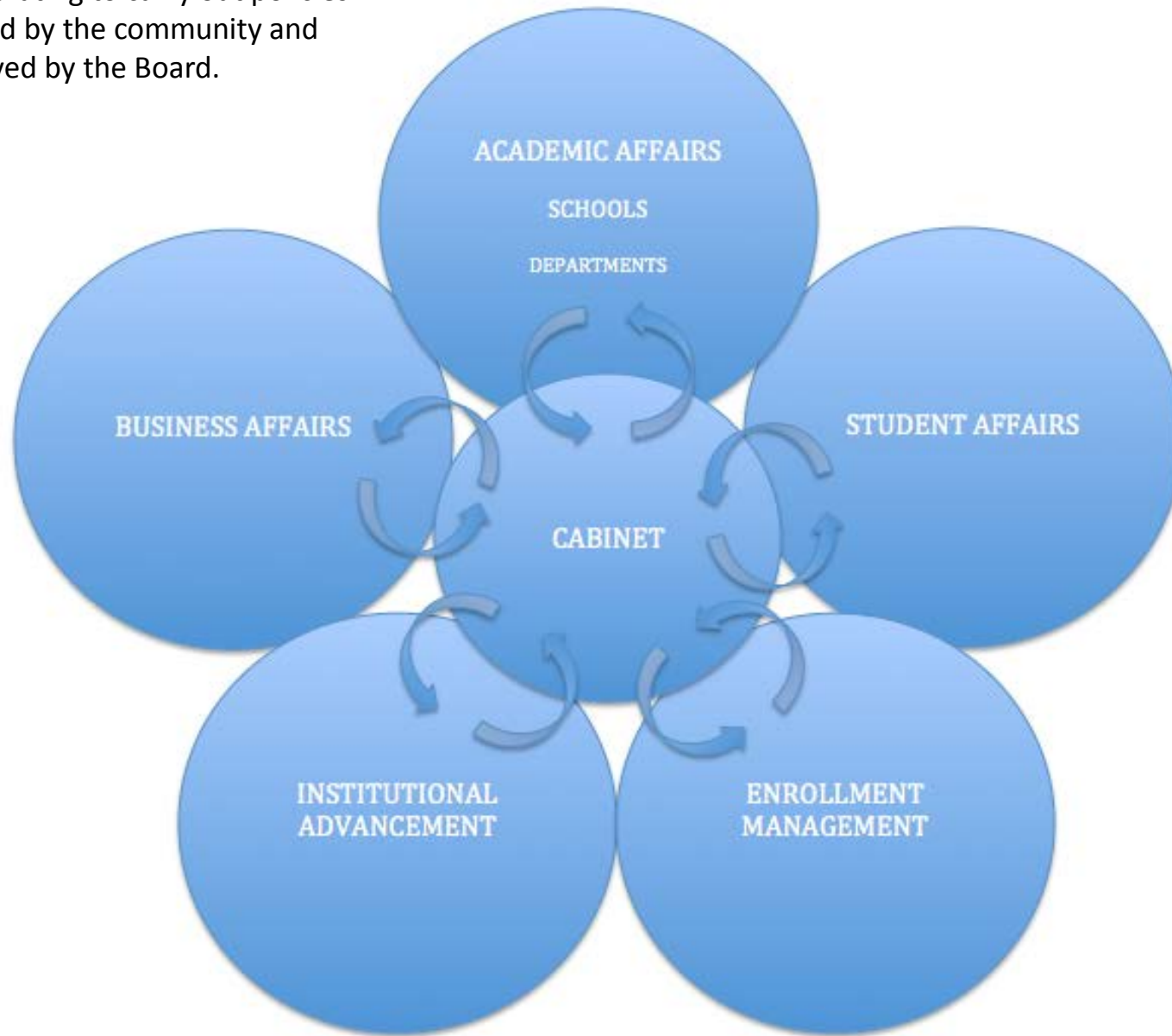
The Judicial System stands alone and reports directly to the President and the Trustees

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GOVERNANCE SYSTEM

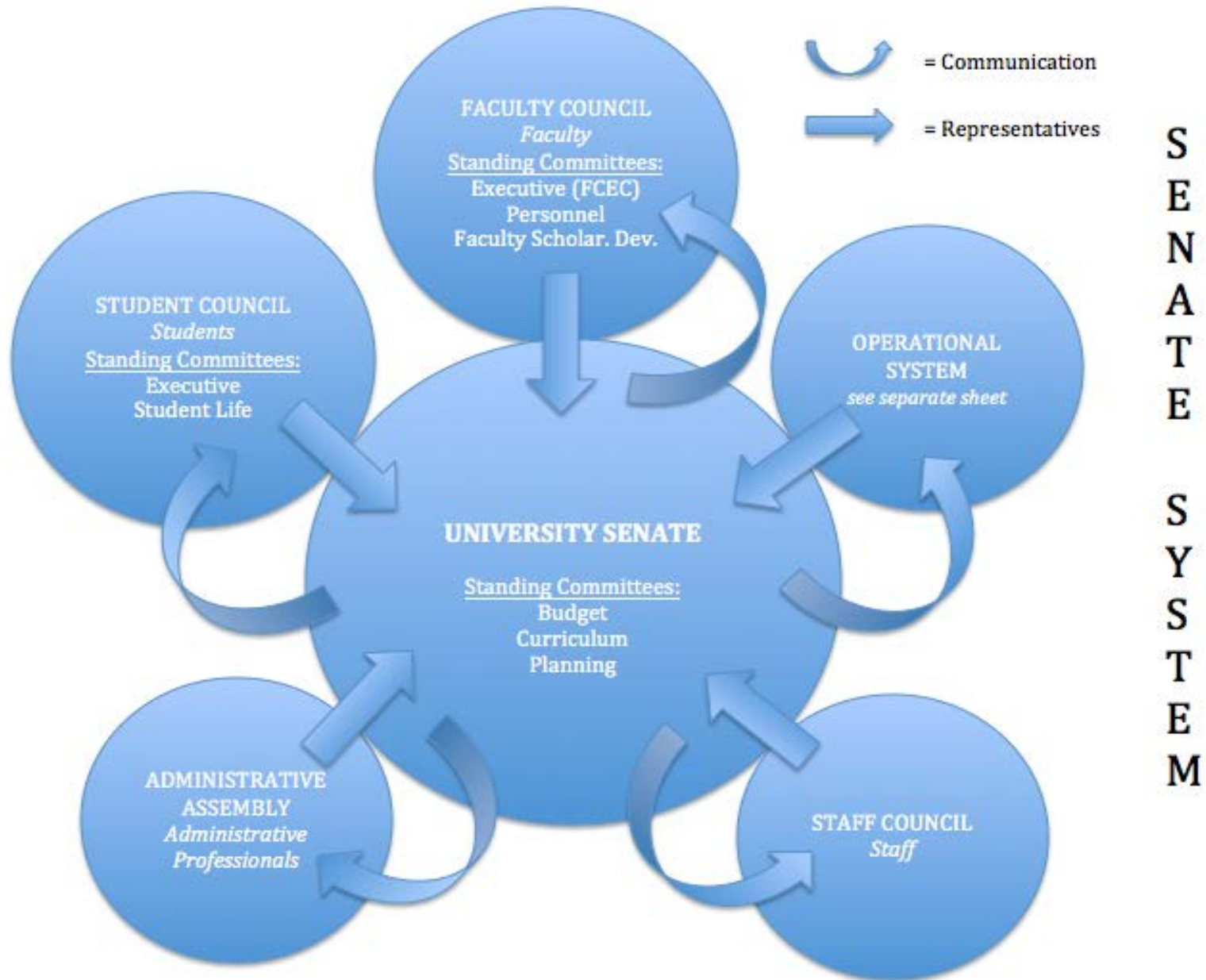


This graph shows the Divisions collaborating to carry out policies decided by the community and approved by the Board.



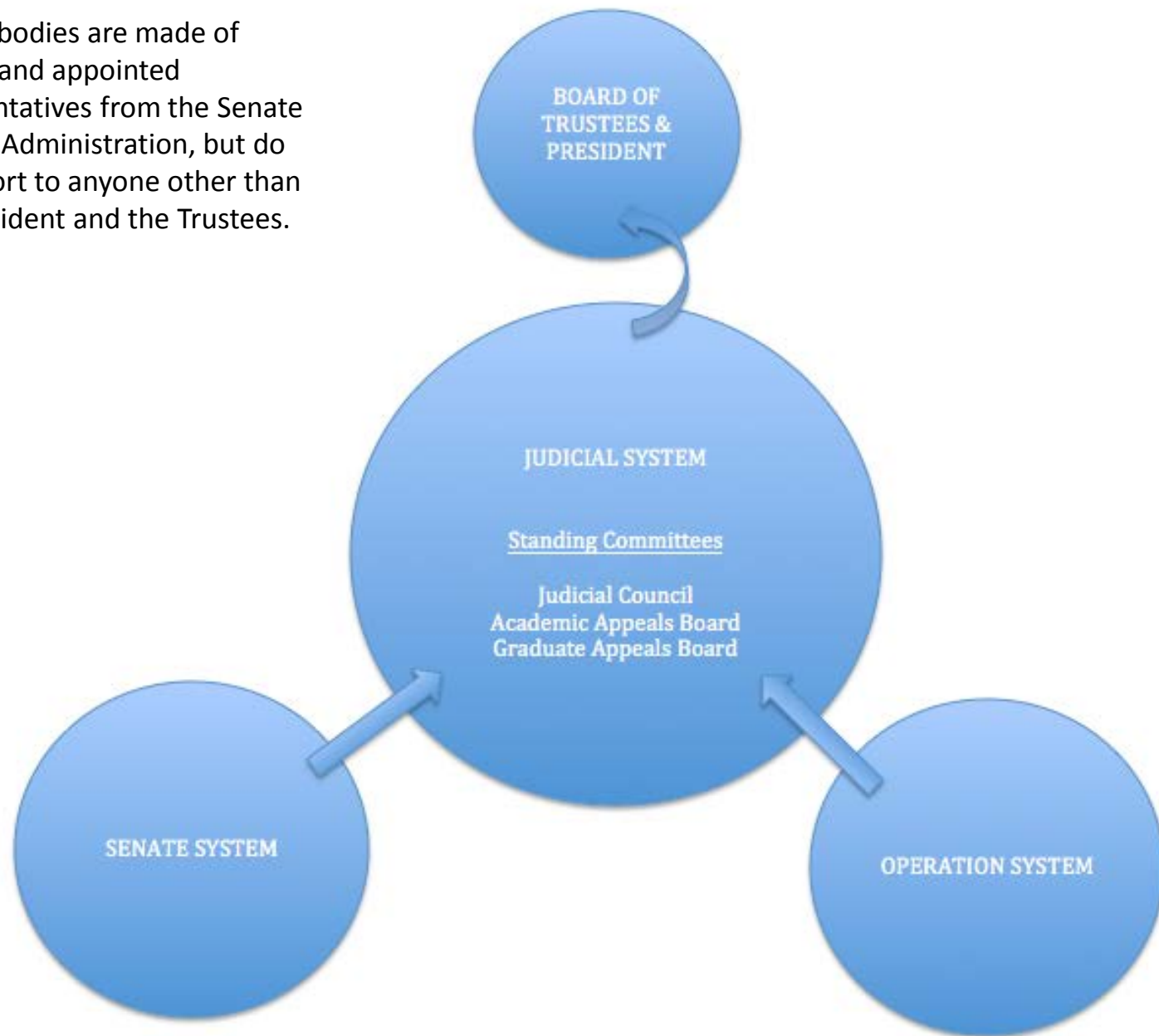
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Councils elect representatives to Senate/Standing Committees, who are responsible for communicating with their Councils. Operational system appoints appropriate administrators to Standing Committees.





Judicial bodies are made of elected and appointed representatives from the Senate and the Administration, but do not report to anyone other than the President and the Trustees.

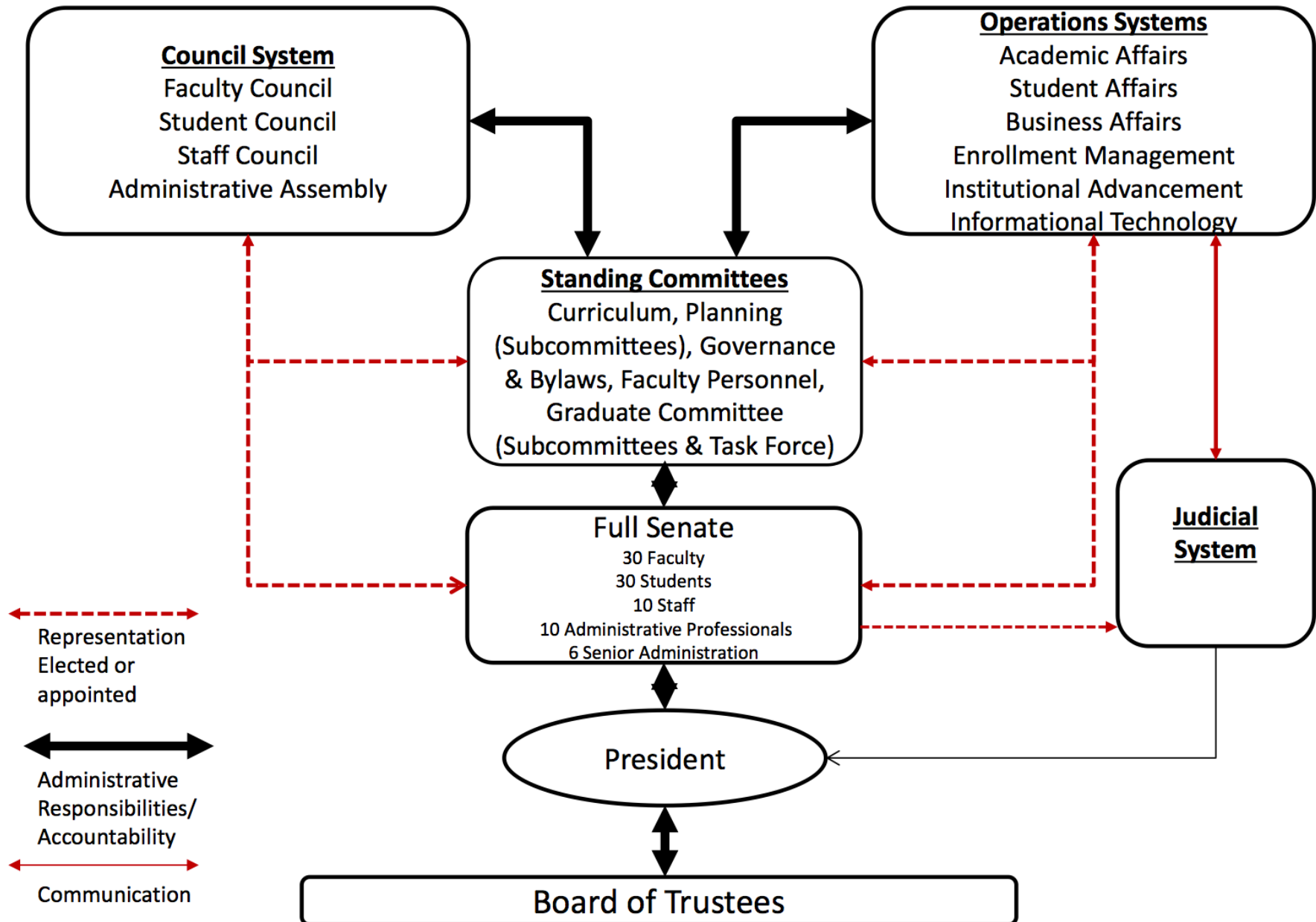


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# Proposed Governance System





# Questions to resolve

- What should be the size and makeup of Senate?
- What is the specific composition of each of the standing committees?
- Should all Senators serve on a standing committee?
- How will it be decided which one? Election by Councils?
- Should there be a limit to the number of committees one can serve on?
- Can Council members (especially Faculty, since Service is an expected component of evaluation for tenure and promotion) volunteer to serve on a subcommittee, rather than standing for election? If so, which positions would be open to volunteers?
- Should Deans be included in Faculty Council? In Senate?
- Should Diversity/Inclusion be a subcommittee of Planning or a Standing Committee?
- Should Faculty Council include contingent faculty? Would they be eligible for Senate?
- Can non-Senate members speak at Senate meetings?
- How do we move the process forward?