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Article I. Purpose of Bylaws and General Provisions

Section 1. These Bylaws, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, establish the organization of the University **governance system** and define the governing relationship of the administrators, the faculty, the students, *the staff*, the alumni and the trustees. **The governance system consists of four constituent assemblies (the Faculty Senate, Student Governance Association, Staff Council and Administrative Assembly); a University Senate, with representatives selected by the four constituent assemblies; a set of standing committees; a set of hearing boards; and the University Board of Trustees.** The Board of Trustees is legally the final authority of the University.

Section 6-2. The **governance system of Otterbein University is based on the principles of inclusion, participation and representation of all constituent groups in the democratic principle of participation in the creation of University policy, is affirmed,**