The university governance system consists of two major representative bodies, the Faculty Senate and the Student Senate:

1. The Faculty Senate is a governance body representing the faculty of the university and is constituted as provided in the Faculty Senate's Constitution and Bylaws. The faculty of the university, by virtue of their particular competence, are essential participants in the development and implementation of academic policy. The Faculty Senate is the representative body of the faculty. As such, it shall exercise the authority of the faculty with respect to policy on academic matters and the professional affairs of faculty.

2. The Student Senate is a governance body representing the students of the university and is constituted as provided in the Student Senate's Constitution. As the representative body of the students, the Student Senate shall promote and advise the administration on the development of student-related programs and services and may make recommendations to the Board of Visitors, the president, and other administrative officers on student-related matters.