

# AN OVERVIEW OF THE ASSEMBLIES

As a Part of Shared Governance at Cornell

# WHAT ARE THE ASSEMBLIES?!

THE ASSEMBLIES ARE A PART OF SHARED GOVERNANCE AT CORNELL.

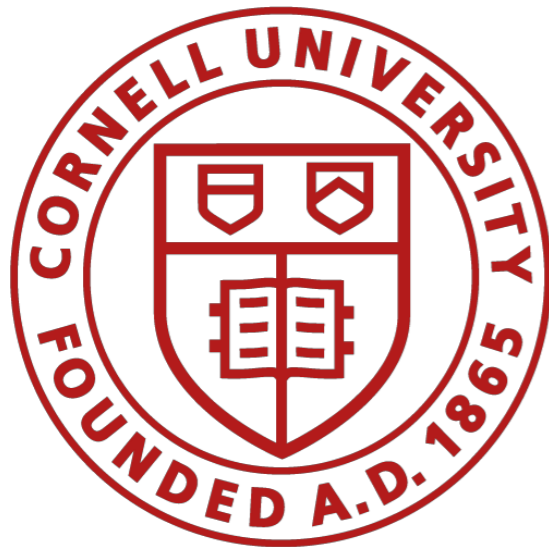
- The faculty have a senate, and the staff and students have assemblies.
- Like legislative bodies in our government, the assemblies are elected, representative, constituent bodies, with some amount of delegated authority to affect, direct or recommend policies to the highest levels of, in our case, the university.

# WHAT ARE THE ASSEMBLIES?!

The three basic functions for which shared campus governance was established and still continue to serve today are:

1. **Participation in University decision-making** by students, faculty and staff in areas of direct and joint concern to them;
2. A **forum for discussion** of campus issues;
3. Supervision of the **campus judicial system**.

# The CORNELL Community



8,658  
Constituents

7,543  
Constituents

14,927  
Constituents

1,648  
Constituents

32,776  
Constituents

## EMPLOYEE ASSEMBLY

28 Staff Members

## GRAD & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY

18 Graduate & Prof Student Members

## STUDENT ASSEMBLY

24 Undergraduate Student Members

## FACULTY SENATE

108 Faculty Senators

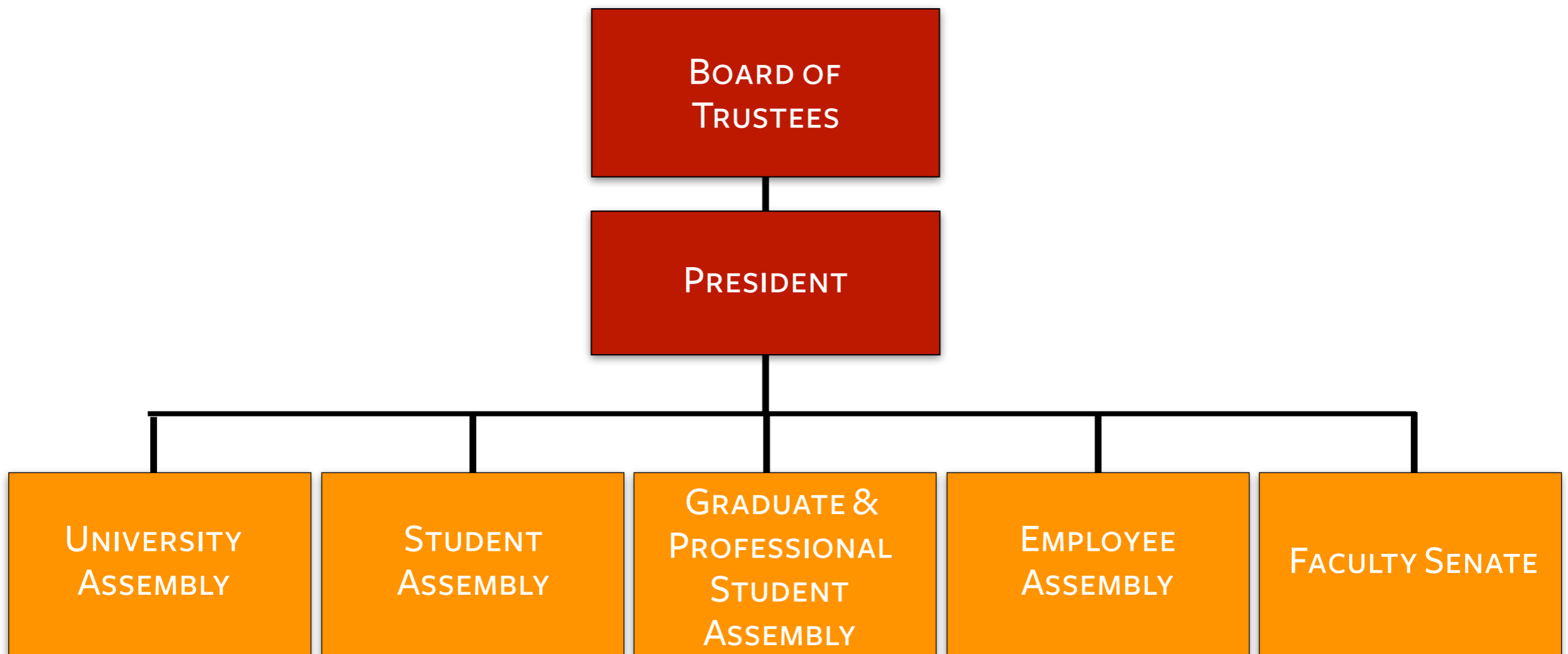
## UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY

5 staff, 5 grad/professional students,  
5 undergraduates, 5 faculty

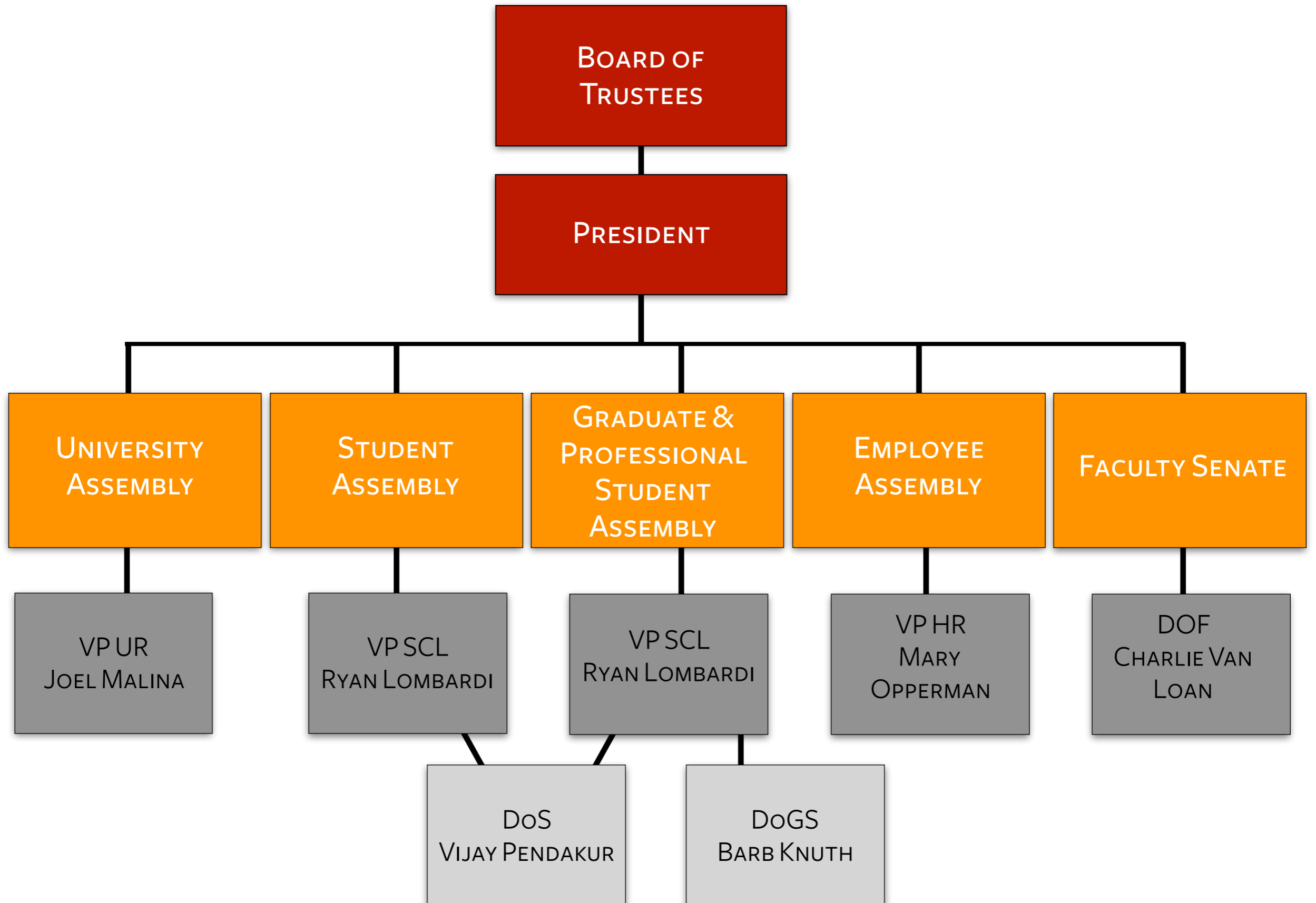
# ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The Assemblies, like the Faculty Senate, receive their authorities from the Board of Trustees.

The authority includes recommending changes to university policies that affect constituents, *subject to approval by the President*, who reviews and responds to resolutions (legislation) passed by the assemblies.



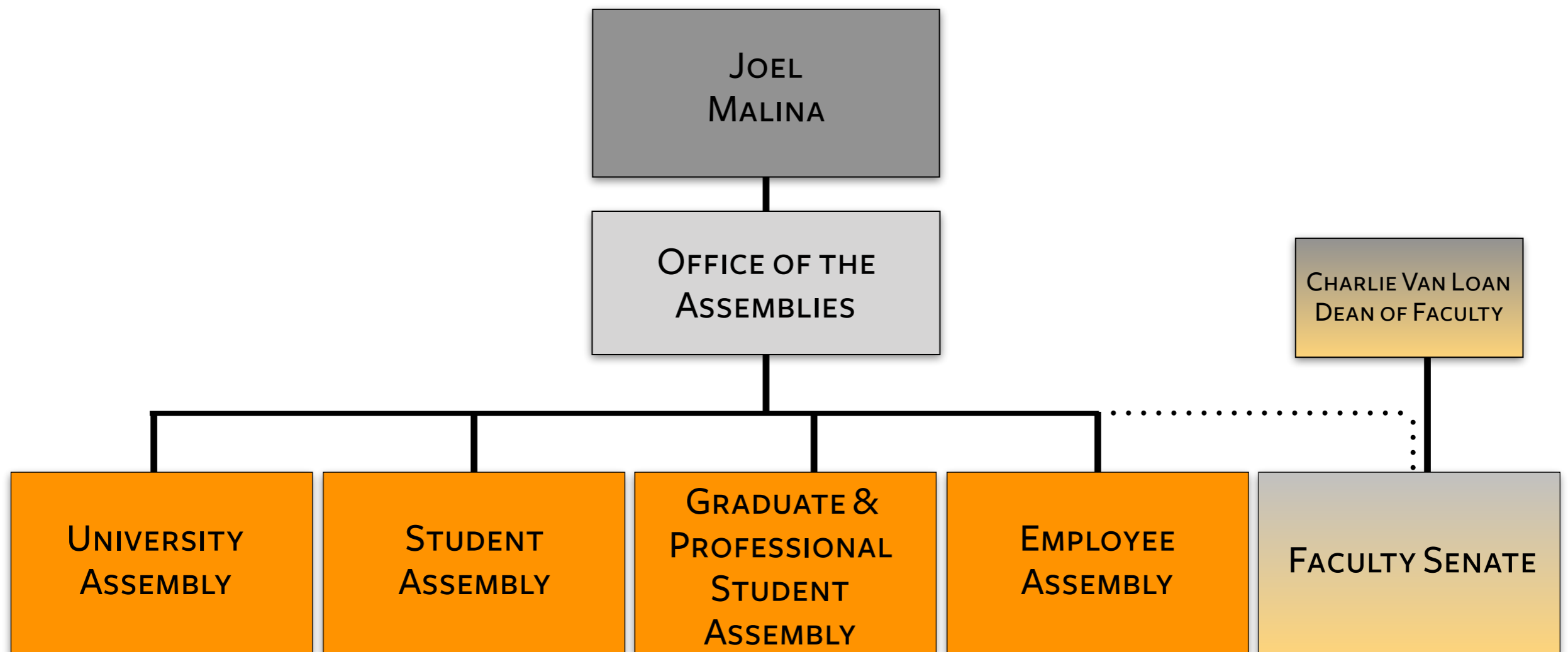
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The Assemblies fall under the division of University Relations because of its function to communicate with internal stakeholders —between the campus communities and the administration.

In times of campus unrest or crises, the Assemblies often serve as an outlet for the tensions, and a direct channel to the administration for voicing dissent.



# HISTORY OF SHARED GOVERNANCE

Cornell's current (modern) shared governance bodies are an outgrowth of the unrest on campus in 1969, which culminated in a mass meeting of over 7,000 people camped in Barton Hall for three days discussing conditions on campus.

Outcomes of this event were:

- The Assemblies
- The University Ombudsman
- The Campus Code of Conduct



# HISTORY OF SHARED GOVERNANCE

[WILLARD STRAIGHT HALL TAKEOVER, ASSEMBLY AT BARTON HALL-1969](#)



# CURRENT ISSUES ON THE FLOOR

## **Current issues being taken up by the assemblies include:**

- Hate Speech
- Campus Referendum for a Smoke-Free Campus
- DACA and support for undocumented students, faculty and staff
- Campus Code of Conduct\*

### **CAMPUS CODE OF CONDUCT\***

While the Board of Trustees is vested with ultimate control over the University, and retains responsibility for all aspects of University governance, the Board has delegated authority for changes to the Campus Code of Conduct to the University Assembly, subject to the approval of the President.

# THE ASSEMBLIES IN ACTION

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TOBACCO POLICY

April 18, 2017

### University Assembly Tables Tobacco-Free Campus Referendum Proposal

UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY

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By Chloe Rip  
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Michael Wenye Li / Sun Assistant Photography Editor

Following the assault of a black student in Collegetown on Friday,

EMPLOYEE

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By Anne Sna  
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encouraging Cornell to act as an example by being a “unified community” — Rawlings has previously addressed before the Faculty Senate and Graduate and Professional Student Assembly.

EMPLOYEE ASSEMBLY

### Employee Assembly Seeks to Sustain Emergency Care Fund

By Shivani Sanghani | October 5, 2016

McKinney described the Emergency Care Fund as being “truly active.” She s

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February 28, 2017

Executive Board convene  
ship and membership



### University Assembly Votes to Support DACA Students, Discusses

with DACA Students



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rivals

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April 11, 20

FEATURED IN CATEGORY

### University Assembly Votes to Improve Web Accessibility

By Yuichiro Kakutani

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The University Assembly passed a resolution confirming Cornell’s commitment to web accessibility and resolved to “set, publish and disseminate to all levels of University personnel an accessibility policy on the

# THE ASSEMBLIES IN ACTION



**University Assembly meeting**  
**September 19, 2017**

# THE OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLIES

- **The Office of the Assemblies** provides support to the assemblies, their committees; supports all campus elections; maintains the public record; exchequer of the processes; elevates, promotes and encourages participation in shared governance; and makes lots of placards!
- We manage lots of data, datasets (we work closely with the Registrar and HRIS to have current, correct data sets for all 32,766 constituents, for mailings and elections!).
- And we launched a new website in 2017!

# THE OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLIES

32,766

CONSTITUENTS

914

Roles in the Assemblies

775

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

56

Committees

4

ASSEMBLIES

# AND... A WEBSITE

We built the new website to be intuitive, informative, engaging and functional.. with tools for the members of the assemblies and their committees, but also engaging to those just trying to find a way to participate.



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## Office of the Assemblies



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# THE OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLIES

We invite you to take some time to:

- engage with your representative on an Assembly
- raise an issue you have on your mind
- attend a meeting of any of the assemblies (they are all open)
- stop by the office for a visit, a cup of coffee, or to search through the archives
- poke around on the website
- let us know if you'd like to participate and just aren't quite sure how

Thank you!



THE OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLIES

Get Involved!

**QUESTIONS?**

Thank You!