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Memo Regarding Statement of Mission

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GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To: GSU Staff

From: William E. Engbretson

Re: Statement of Mission

Date: May 6, 1971

On Tuesday, May 4, 1971, the Board of Higher Education, while voting on Master Plan Phase III, approved unanimously the attached statement of mission for Governors State University.

GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

The mission of Governors State University which opens in 1971 is to provide advanced level liberal arts and sciences and professional training in a variety of fields for commuter students at the junior-senior and graduate levels. The Illinois Board of Higher Education has charged the University to be a model community college capstone developing and experimenting with new, unique and innovative instructional and community services programs directly related to the educational needs and societal issues of the people in the southern end of the Chicago metropolitan complex.

The University is being designed to be an unusually open, flexible, experimenting institution. Its initial Colleges of 1) Human Learning and Development; 2) Business and Public Service; 3) Environmental and Applied Sciences; and 4) Cultural Studies feature baccalaureate and masters programs that are oriented to future urban needs, are interdisciplinary in nature, make the best possible use of modern instructional strategies, techniques and technologies, and relate theory and practice through the use of cooperative and experiential education. Programs are being developed for teachers, social workers, urban planning specialists, librarians, business and public administrators, institutional managers, systems analysts, applied scientists, nurses, allied health professionals and other critical professionals and specialists needed in the urban/suburban communities.

Governors State University should serve the needs of lower and middle income students with special emphasis on the needs of minority students.