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LANDMARK OCCASION...The first Governors State University Assembly was called to order yesterday afternoon by Assembly Chairman Dan Bernd. University-wide elections Monday and Tuesday selected the chairman along with Deloris Saunders as Vice Chairman and student Wayne Kearney as Secretary to the Assembly. Bill Engbretson in delivering the charge to the Assembly called the occasion "in its own way every bit as important as the night when Governor Ogilvie signed the bills founding Governors State University and in its own way every bit as important as that day several weeks ago when Governors State opened for classes for the first time."

THE ASSEMBLY CHARGE...Bill Engbretson in delivering the charge to the Assembly said: "Institutional governance is our major charge... the basic function of any governance group is to formalize and establish and review policy...it is also the function of this body to review processes that carry out that policy, particularly its instructional programs. Also, secondarily, its research, evaluation and community service programs are primary to our consideration as a teaching institution."

GROWTH AND CHANGE...The GSU constitution may be amended and in any event has a finite life, expiring on June 30, 1974 when a new or modified system will replace the governance system that went into effect Thursday. In his address to the Assembly Bill Engbretson noted that "we have tried to devise mechanisms here at Governors State that will enable us to change on a reasoned, deliberate basis but to change with relatively high degrees of responsiveness to need, a relatively high degree of flexibility. This University Assembly is one aspect of that, probably the single most important aspect."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SELECTED... The first major piece of business conducted by the Assembly in its first meeting was the election of the executive committee. One member was selected by and from the various constituencies. Bob Tumelty will represent the faculty, Dick Vorwerk the support staff, Cliff Koehler the civil service, and Wally Hargrove the students. Also on the executive committee according to the constitution are the Assembly officers and president. The community representative to the executive committee is yet to be selected.

STANDING COMMITTEES...The executive committee of the Assembly has the responsibility to appoint the members of six standing committees: the committees on Educational Policies and Programs, Human Services, Fiscal Resources, Physical Resources, Governance, and the Future. The committees are to include administrators, faculty, students, civil service, support personnel and community representatives. All members of the GSU Community, not just Assembly members, are eligible to become members of these committees.

UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY MEETINGS... The University Assembly meetings were set by the Assembly as the fourth Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

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Monday, October 4, 1971

- All day Council of Faculties (Macomb)  
A.M. LRC Staff Meeting (LRC Conf. Area)  
1:30 p.m.- : Faculty Budget Committee (Plng. Bldg. Conf. Room)  
7:30 p.m.- : Consumer Education Planning Committee (Plng. Bldg. Conf. Room)

Tuesday, October 5, 1971

- 10:00 a.m.- : Board of Higher Education Meeting (Lasalle Hotel - Chicago)  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.: CHLD Staff Meeting (Plng. Bldg. Conf. Room)  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. : CCS Community Council (Plng. Bldg. Conf. Room)

Thursday, October 7, 1971

- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. : CEAS Staff Meeting (Plng. Bldg. Conf. Room)

Friday, October 8, 1971

- 4:00 p.m. GSU Staff Meeting (Room 246)  
8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. : President's Advisory Council (Interim Conf. Room)  
2:00 p.m.- : CBPS Staff Meeting (Interim)

Effective today, the master calendar for the scheduling of University events will be physically located at Linda Edens' desk at the Office of Communications. Events may be scheduled either in person, by intra-campus mail, or by calling interim facility extensions 219 or 220.

Deadline for inclusion in the following week's calendar is noon Thursday.

The Office of Communications specifically schedules the conference room in the administrative area of the interim campus and will coordinate the scheduling of other rooms required for meetings or conferences, including the conference areas at Hantack and the Planning Building.

NOTE: This issue of FAZE 1 (on reverse) is devoted to yesterday's meeting of the University Assembly. Items on other staff activities forwarded to the Office of Communications will be included next Friday. Deadline for copy is Thursday noon.