***Social Sciences Research and Instructional Council   
Minutes of the October 5, 1995 Meeting at CSU, Chico***

Present: Jim Ross (Bakersfield), Jon Ebeling (Chico), Margaret Blue (Dominquez Hills), Ed Nelson (Fresno), Rae Newton (Fullerton), Frank Gossette (Long Beach), John Korey (Pomona), Ben Smith (Los Angeles), Gene Turner (Northridge), Doug Coe (San Diego), Richard Taketa (San Jose), Dick Shaffer (San Luis Obispo), Stewart Wugalter (SSDBA), Frank Young (Chancellor's Office), Don Dixon (Sonoma)

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.
2. There was consensus on the approval of minutes from the Spring, 1995 SSRIC meeting.
3. Ed Nelson requested that we update the lists of research oriented faculty on our campuses. Please return the list that was distributed to Ed as soon as possible. When possible, include e-mail addresses.
4. At 11:30 am the SSRIC held a teleconference with Tom West of the Chancellor's Office. Topics discussed were:

**Sprintlink** which is designed by Sprint to help give students/faculty an alternative mechanism to enter the World Wide Web and Internet. It should be available on your campus by January 1, 1996 at the latest. It was suggested that since sprint will run at 28.8 Baud, that the system consider a large group purchase of 28.8 modems. Tom West took this under consideration.

**GINA** Which is a graphical interface via windows for e-mail, browsing the WWW, and file transfers. It is a CSU alternative to Netscape.

The **Role of the Discipline Councils** in the new structure. There are three commissions that play an important role--Commission on Learning and Resources (CLIRT), Commission on Technology Infrastructure (CTI), and the Commission on Institutional Management and Information Technology (CIMIT). There are two presidents on each commission plus others. There is also the Technology Steering Committee which is made up of Molly Broad, Tom West, and the six presidents from the commissions. Tom West suggested three strategies to influence these commissions. One is through the AIRC which we are already a part of. Another is through the Institute for Teaching and Learning and the third is through our academic vice-presidents. We need to establish a link to the Institute for Teaching and Learning and to maintain contact with our academic vice-presidents.

Student **Access** was discussed. So fare the progress towards providing every student access to comparable computers goes from Sonoma which will require every student to

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have a basic computer, to San Luis Obispo which has not submitted a plan as of yet. Northridge and Humboldt are the two other campuses that are working on implementing Access.

**The Faculty Development R.F.P** from the Institute on Teaching and Learning was discussed and Tom West encouraged the SSRIC to submit a proposal. The due date for proposals is Nov. 10, 1995. There is $200,000 available for workshops and additional money available to pay for travel to and from the workshops and for stipends.

1. The SSRIC discussed a proposal from the Center for California Studies. One part the proposal was the following: "The Center for California Studies would collect, print, distribute a quarterly or tri-annual report containing results of 3-4 surveys conducted by CSU faculty and/or institutes. The results would be an executive summary, frequencies but probably not cross-tabs or extensive analysis. Full credit would be given to each faculty member/institute. Distribution would be to all members of the Assembly & Senate: the Governor & his cabinet; all other constitutional officers; the capital press corps and other key staffers and offices." (Quote from an e-mail sent to Jon Ebeling). SSRIC faculty with research facilities will discuss their involvement in this separately.
2. It was noted that both Tom West and the Chancellor have made a commitment to fund memberships in the ICPSR, the Field Institute, and the Roper Center. Chancellor Munitz wrote the following in his letter to Senator Mike Thompson:

"Access to the data provided by these services will be paid for centrally by this office in the coming fiscal year as it has been in the past. The internal mechanism for accomplishing this have been identified, and the practice will continue in future years until the services are not available or until faculty who use the information in their classes and research determine that they are no longer of sufficient value to merit continuation.

My office encourages campuses to subscribe to the support services provided by the Social Sciences Data Base Archive at California State University, Los Angeles by providing the data resources at no additional cost to the campuses. In additions, we inform campuses regularly about the services provided, invite campuses to subscribe each year, and facilitate funds transfers to make this possible. Faculty-faculty encouragement is also provided by the Social Science Research and Instructional Council, the oldest of some ten disciplinary councils in the system comprised of faculty members from all of the campuses."

1. Ed Nelson will not be able to attend the October 13th ACCESS meeting at SWIRL. Gene Turner enthusiastically volunteered to represent the SSRIC at this meeting.

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8. The ICPSR biannual meeting is to be held later this month. The following is the current

status of the rotation list for attendance:

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|  | Chico | (Could not go in 95). |
|  | San Luis Obispo | (Could not go in 95). |
|  | San Jose | (Could not go in 95). |
|  | Long Beach | (Could not go in 95). |
|  | San Bernardino | (Could not go in 95). |
|  | Pomona | (Could not go in 95): |
|  | Fullerton | (Could not go in 95). |
| 8.\* | Bakersfield | (Went in 95 as SSRIC Chair). |
|  | San Marcos | (Could not go in 95). |
|  | Sacramento |  |
|  | Humboldt |  |
|  | Fresno |  |
|  | San Diego |  |
|  | Northridge |  |
|  | San Francisco |  |
|  | Stanislaus |  |
|  | Hayward |  |
|  | Los Angeles | (Nadene Koch will go in 95). |
|  | Dominques Hills | (Margaret Blue will go in 95). |
| 20 | Sonoma | (Don Dixon will go in 95). |
|  | SSDBA | (Colin Campbell will go in 95). |

Attending in 1993 were:

Fresno (as Chair)

Hayward

Northridge

San Francisco

1. The SPSS for Windows Text Project was discussed. A draft of the first chapter was circulated. A first draft of the text will be available by Nov. 15th.
2. The Field Institute was discussed. Ed Nelson distributed flyers for the next round of announcements. Gene Turner, Ed Nelson and Stuart Wugalter volunteered to work on this. Ed Nelson will call Rich DeLeon (CSU San Francisco) to see if he wants to include questions on AIDS.

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1. Stuart Wugalter reported on SSDBA. Stuart now takes care of SSDBA files and SSDBA's link via WWW. Also, efforts are being made to distribute programs (SPSS/ SAS, etc.) on CD-ROM.
2. The Council discussed further the Faculty Development RFP distributed by the Institute on Teaching and Learning. Further explorations will be made to determine SSRIC's response to the RFP. An ad hoc committee was formed to develop a proposal. The committee consisted of Ed, John, Margaret, Frank, Stuart, Jim, and Dick.
3. Sybex is no longer interested in the SPSS for Windows book, but Wadsworth is. They were interested in getting us on as beta testers for SPSS 7.0 for the purposes of writing the book. The SSIMS modules were also discussed. One suggestion was that we put them on the web, since we haven't found a publisher and we want people to use them.
4. It has been determined that the SSIMS modules are the property of the CSU and that all royalties belong to the CSU. (Eg We can not use the money for an award for Penny, but we can for students.)
5. SSRIC schedule for the rest of the year will be;

Winter -- Long Beach -- Feb. 8-9

Spring SSRIC Student Research Conference -- Bakersfield -- May 2-3 (preferred)

or April 25-26 depending upon the date of the CSU student research conference.

1. Jon Ebeling volunteered to contact Don Carder so they can agree upon the appropriate role of the campus OR.
2. Frank Young said that Tom West will have to justify annually the inclusion of funding for ICPSR, Field, and Roper. What Frank and Tom need is evidence of the impact to justify the instructional value to students (and number of students taught) and the research value to faculty.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.   
Minutes Submitted by Dick Shaffer.

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