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SSRIC Minutes, 2/8/96 Meeting at CSU Long Beach

Present:

Jim Ross (Bakersfield), Ed Nelson (Fresno), Nan Chico (Hayward), Frank Gossette (Long Beach), Ben Smith (Los Angeles), Gene Turner (Northridge), John Korey (Pomona), Elliot Barkan (San Bernardino), Jim Gerber (San Diego), David Tabb (San Francisco), Rich Taketa (San Jose), Dick Shaffer (San Luis Obispo), Larry Giventer (Stanislaus), Frank Young (Chancellor's Office), Colin Campbell (SSDBA)

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Chair, Jim Ross.
2. Minutes of 10/5/95 were in draft form, final approval postponed until Spring meeting.
3. Frank Young (Chancellor's Office) presented information on the Integrated Technology Strategies Initiative, an in-progress effort on the part of CTI, CLRIT, and CIMIT to coordinate system-wide, mission-based uses of information technology. One main goal is student/faculty/staff having anywhere/anytime electronic access to "information resources in support of the teaching-learning mission of the University." We discussed how this might look on our various campuses, but had little real information as to actual planning. Jim suggested that we find out what's going on at our own campus and report back at the Spring meeting.
4. Frank Young also brought us up to date on Sprint/MCI. Thirteen campuses already have, or are in the process of getting, student access to computers through Sprint or MCI; some campuses offer student debit cards. There are kiosks at many campuses already that provide information, can download software, etc. A spirited session of techie-talk and kvetching then ensued, mostly concerning wait/response time, numbers and quality of servers, limited server space, bottlenecks, faculty learning curves, local and SSDBA budgets for hard-and software.
5. Jim, Ed, and Colin reported on the Fall ICPSR meeting in Ann Arbor. Jim discovered that the Federations were going to be charged more for ICPSR services, but no Fed rep was on the Council. So he got enough ORs to sign a

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petition for a write-in candidate. They then ran Ed Nelson and Wendy Watkins as write-ins, and both were elected to the Council. We heartily congratulated Jim on his coup. Ed reported that there are finally more ORs on the Council -- 4 of 12. He gave us a copy of an e-mail from Carl B. Backman (Buffalo State) to the ICPSR Council about instructional support, research support at non-graduate institutions, and breadth of the holdings. Ed suggested we might discuss this some more at the Spring meeting, after we think about it and after he has had a chance to go to a Council meeting. Colin reported that there is broad dissatisfaction with the status quo, and that ICPSR needs to stay up with

changing technology. He reminded us that the ICPSR does not own copyrights to the data sets and unless ICPSR creates value added products, it will turn into a dinosaur. We also discussed the proliferation of internet links to data sets and the trend away from collections.

1. Gene Turner represented the SSRIC at the ACCESS meeting at SWIRL on Oct. 13, 1995.
2. Ed Nelson discussed the AIRC meeting; AIRC is more a sounding board than anything else now, with no policy role. Ed was re-elected to the Executive Board.
3. Ed also brought us up to date on the AOF (Academic Opportunity Fund), i.e. Summer Workshop proposal, saying that we would know within a couple of weeks

what the dollar amount would be. We then voted on whether to send another proposal, MSP unanimously that we should. Dick said he was not happy the way the ITL handled our last application.

1. Our new brochure was passed around for comments and any changes. Note that our rep from San Diego will now be Jim Gerber ( [jgerber@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:jgerber@mail.sdsu.edu) ) from Economics. Colin reported that all campuses are now SSDBA members, with the exception of Monterrey Bay and the Coast Guard Academy. Also, Bill Daniel will represent Humboldt as Jae is off to Washington DC.
2. Colin informed us that the SSDBA home page is up and running and is at <http://venus.calstatela.edu/ssric>. We were also informed of a good search engine, Alta Vista, which can be found at <http://www.altavista.digital.com> SPSS has acquired SysStat and BMDP; the latest version of SPSS is being distributed now, and the Windows 95 version should be available by March. Version 6.1.3 will run under Windows 95, but needs 8 MB RAM. Older versions, and a DOS version will also be available. SPSS is no longer distributable to students, just faculty; students can buy a Studentware version at $50+, with 50 variables and 1,500 cases, or a full base version for around $169 for Windows and $114 for DOS.
3. Ed then brought us up to date on the Fresno Summer Workshop. He has mailed information to deans, instructional computing coordinators, public affairs offices, faculty development folks, chairs, and the people on the e-mail lists we provided to him. Notices have also been put in Stateline, the CFA paper, and on the SSDBA home page. As of 2/8/96 there were 33 requests. Track One SPSS will be covered by Jim and Nan, Track Two by Ed and Dick, SSDBA by John. We will have sessions on Census data, CHIP, MicroCase, and whatever else we think will be useful. Everyone is encouraged to send for William Frey's CHIP modules, which you can do from his home page at <http://www.psc.lsa.umich.edu/SSDAN/>. Or by e-mailing him at [William.Frey@umich.edu](mailto:William.Frey@umich.edu).
4. Jim requested that we think about celebrating SSRIC's 25th anniversary next year by inviting as many old reps as are still around. If, where, and how to do this will be discussed at the Spring meeting.
5. We then voted for next year's SSRIC Chair. Nan had been elected to this

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position last year, with the proviso that if she was awarded a sabbatical, Jim would take over instead. She was, and he did. Thanks, Jim! We re-voted on Nan as Chair, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

1. Jim then gave us all a stack of flyers and posters for the Spring Conference. Our speaker will be Earl Babbie. Penny will present the Rummels award. Everyone is requested to get students to present and to see if your campus has travel money for them.
2. The proposed Field Student Intern for Summer 96 is Karim Nasr. We voted to accept. Proposals for Field Fellowships for faculty came from Nadine Koch (Perceptions of Gay and Lesbian Political Candidates) and from Rich de Leon (Social Capital Formation). The Field committee recommended Koch for a Fellowship and de Leon for question credits; MSP in favor [I think unanimously, but did not record this] after a discussion of methodological issues.
3. The Field Workshop will be May 10, 1996. Ed noted that it was their 50th Anniversary and wondered if we might want to do something to recognize the importance of their relationship to the CSU and SSRIC. Ed and Jim will work on this. Ellie explained how the SSIMS money got caught up in the State bureaucracy and can't be used for plaques, etc., but only for instructionally related things. Colin said that Field has been slow in sending out files and that their file system is pretty archaic by now. They are developing a home page, but won't put up press releases or other things they get paid for, unless they can secure the data [presumably through passwords].
4. ICPSR Summer Program information had not been received by anyone to date. We did have people attend last year, so we are OK on that. John Ebeling will handle this.
5. Colin said that the IP address of our Venus server has changed to: 130.182.197.1 .
6. John Korey requested our advice on how to sell the need for SSDBA to his campus. There were a lot of suggestions, here are some: work with other departments; have workshops, maybe through the computing center; have an SSDBA newsletter; create a generic data base that could be used for many different classes); actively market what SSDBA does and what its resources are; get the library people to get students to use it in research; create flyers, handouts that simplify and explain what it is , how to use it; find out who on each campus actively uses it, and for what, and for how many students; actively inform specific individuals about it; maybe work through the faculty development center, provide micro grants to set up little data bases; make the stuff from the workshop available to everyone.
7. Status report on the SPSS Windows book for the workshop: Dick is using the early draft, John will use it in upcoming courses, Jim is using it some and Ed will start to use it. If we don't have a publisher, we will just put it up on the Web for anyone to use.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m   
Minutes submitted by Nan Chico.

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