CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGES-
SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND INSTRUCTIONAL COUNCIL-

MINUTES

Fall 1979 Meeting

CSU, Dominguez Hills
October 11, 12

Present: Crane (DIS), Dixon (Sonoma), Harrell (Northridge), Hennessy (Hayward), Ebeling (Chico), Giventer (Stanislaus), Jitodai (SF), Kamieniecki (SB), Korey (Pomona), Martin (DH), Nelson (Fresno), Palmer (DH), Lewis (DIS), Ross (Bakersfield), Pummels (DIS), Shaffer (SLO), Smith (LB), Stevens (LB), Strand (SD), Wagner (LA)

Absent: Gianos (Fullerton), Haston (Humboldt), Otten (SJ), Toni (Sacramento)

1. Outside Funding. Stevens reported on attempts by his committee (Gianos, Kamieniecki, and Korey), to prepare a grant proposal to the NSF CAUSE (Comprehensive Assistance to Undergraduate Science Education) program. The Committee felt that it would be best to consider together previous attempts to secure -funding for a) training programs for faculty and b) curriculum materials. The Committee did not, however, feel that it had the information to demonstrate need in a manner likely to be satisfactory to NSF. Crane indicated that information, though somewhat dated, is available on existing computer usage by campus and discipline. The Council appointed an ad hoc committee (Kamieniecki, Korey, Strand, Smith, Stevens) to draft a questionnaire to assess faculty interest in training sessions and curriculum material. The ad hoc committee

submitted a draft the following day (October 12). The draft was referred to the Stevens committee. Smith was added to that committee.

The Council Chair was asked to send a letter to campuses to determine what is being done now to train faculty in quantitative techniques and to incorporate such techniques into the curriculum.

1. DIS Report.
2. New Procurement. The new procurement is proceeding on schedule. First delivery should be to SUDC next May 1, and the new system should be in operation about a month after that. The CDC 3300 will stay on line for at lPast 18 months after installation of the new system. Except for San Jose and San Diego, all campuses should receive new systems by the end of AY 1980-81.
3. Large data bases. A number of new data bases are extremely large.

DIS will not order anything too large for our system except by special.

request, and will then ask for a subset of the data. OPs will receive

lists of what has been subsetted, but subsets will not be publicized

through the "Green Monster" (Data Bases at the State University Data Center).

Requested subsets of the Status of National Crime Surveys have been received.

We have a 1% sample of non-victims and a 50% sample of victims for 1976.

For the city of Los Angeles, we have data for all victims and a 10%

sample of non-victims for 1975. Documentation is forthcoming.

1. Subject index to Data Bases at SUDC. Giventer suggested that a subject index would be very helpful. DIS representatives indicated that they would explore this matter.
2. Field poll. The February and May 1979 polls are now available on the CDC 3300 as FI7901A and B and FI7902A & B. We have not yet received the August poll.
3. New programs.
4. SIBYL/RUNNER. An interactive program to do forecasting.
5. RIQS. Designed to do databasing. Can be used to do searches using keywords. Using RIQS, DIS has built a database of all software and database packages in the system.

3. WEIS data. Martin described handouts available for use in accessing the WEIS (World Events International Survey) data.

4. Summer Program. Ebeling was appointed tsar, to be assisted by John Kramer (Sonoma) as needed.

5. Field Institute Faculty Fellowship. Strand reported on his activities as the first CSUC Fellow. His project is running smoothly, though he

reported apparent disagreement with Field over whether nut questions used by the fellow would count against CSUC's question credits. The Council took the position that they should not. The Council asked the Chair to write a memo to Charles Wilmot (EP & R, Office of the Chancellor), expressing the Council's point of view. The Questionnaire Committee was asked to proceed as usual with solicitation of question proposals.

6. Questionnaire Committee.

1. Membership. Kamieniecki was elected to a two year term as southern representative. Ebeling was elected to complete the remaining year of Dan Graves' term as northern representative. Strand has one year remaining in his term as Chair.
2. Procedures for recruitment of Field Institute Faculty Fellows. This task was assigned to the Questionnaire Committee. Procedures will be essentially the same as for question proposals. The Committee will send out a Request for Proposals (RFP). The Committee will arrange to have proposals reviewed, and will then select all Qualified proposals, rank order them, and submit them to the Field Institute.

7. Future Meetings. The Winter meeting will be February 7 and 8 at Sonoma. Possible workshop topics: Congressional Game; Tutorial Package for SPSS; New Software Packages. The Spring Meeting will be at Fullerton, May 1 and 2. Giventer suggested that, in the future, the scheduling of workshops and business meetings be rearranged to permit better attendance at the former. This question will be discussed further at the Winter meeting.

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8. Research Projects.

1. Smith indicated that she will be sending out a letter seeking development of a systemwide linkage on research regarding school desegre-

gation She would like to identify interested people on each campus.

1. Dixon asked if there was interest in gaining access to Census and Department of Finance population data available to state agencies. under currently pending state legislation. The Council indicated that there would be such interest.