MINUTES OF THE FALL 1980 MEETING  
OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND INSTRUCTIONAL COUNCIL

Cal State Hayward, October 9-10

Note to Council members: Please read the minutes, for there are important matters that must be handled prior to the next meeting in Pomona.

After some banter, minutes were approved as distributed.

Concerns expressed about Setups in relation to (1) cost (2)some being out of date.

Chuck Wilmot:

1. Field archive data: appears to be no problem. Arrived in SPSS within 60 days. Only one codebook arrived. Penny will talk with Margaret Baker about future codebooks.
2. Price increases for Field (10%); new price $42,900. Concern expressed about financial condition of Field Institute.
3. Noted that one of the trustees expressed a desire to have more Los Angeles Community College District/CSUC cooperation (read mutual use of resources). Question: will SSRIC allow a L.A.C.C. District representative to attend our Council meetings as a liaison member, with possibility of their joining Field Institute and/or ICPSR and/or buying CSUC time. Considerable discussion about long-term implications. Ross M/S that Strand send a letter to L.A.C.C. inviting them to send a rep to the Council. Passed with one dissent.

Penny Crane/Gloria Rummels/Marilyn Lewis

1. DIS move to Long Beach in near future.
2. SSRIC has served as a model for other state councils.
3. New machines have arrived: N & S conversion sites installed (2 months late).
4. “Penny passed out a “conversion letter” sent to campus conversion coordinators: re: status if conversion. Larry Giventer briefly noted availability of –SPSSCAI.
5. SPSS on both conversion machines.
6. Data base info files.
7. New SPSSJCL will be on line shortly; notification letter to come out soon.
8. Time a factor on getting things on conversion machines; slowly getting things converted.
9. Contact Marilyn re: using data bases on tape.
10. On-line “Green Monster” will eventually be available.
11. data bases for local machines- best to postpone until July9 '80,

John Korey (Field Intern this year) discussed the questions on the Field Poll related to Hispanics and possibility sf using some of the questions as part of CSUC’s credit. Haston moved that John submit a proposal and compete with other question submissions. Passed unanimously.

Penny reminded us that comp Centers would be notified about SSRIC meetings, especially if Council meets at one's campus.

After considerable discussion of the lunch menu, Council adjourned until the afternoon session.

SSRIC now has its own CYBER 174 account: 7522 SSR and password: SSRIC

We will be using this number for communication and for developing the teaching modules.

Paul Strand demonstrated 2 video tapes produced by the Social Science Data Lab at San Diego. Subsequent discussion focused around where SSRIC should direct its attention. Two things considered (1) machine produced texts (2 multi media "spectaculars"

FORMAT FOR TEXTUAL MODELS

Title

Prerequisites

Concepts

Content (texts)

References

Example (separate page)

MODULAR TOPICS

Problem (Paul)   
Epistemology (Empiricism, rationality) (Jim R.)

Evidence (Ben)

Modeling (Larry  
\*Hypothesis testing  
Research Designs (Jon)

Tables (Larry)

Types of data   
Evaluation   
Correlation (Sheldon)

\*Measurement

\*Stat & inference \*  
\*Data reduction

Experiment

Content Analysis

Computers (Jim)

\*ICPSR

Cohort analysis (Ed)

Content analysis (Wayne M.)

Univariate analysis (Phil)

To be written & distributed before next meeting on February 12th & 13th.

Both reviews and newly written modules to be brought to Winter meeting.

Available on machine by Jan. 1. Author's responsibility to put on machine.

currently written modules to be reviewed by the following:

Haston reviews ICPSR

Nelson reviews surveys

Shaffer reviews measurement

Korey reviews data reduction

Ebeling reviews sampling & statistics

Kamieniecki reviews hypothesis formation

Gianos reviews "a measure of association..,"

agenda Items for Winter Meeting,

1. Reviews of modules
2. Go over newly written modules

After much agony and little ecstasy, meeting adjourned at 4:50. Friday Morning Session:

Jim Ross noted that SSRIC now has its ownaccount for the modules. Thie account allows us to communicate with each other and work on modules.

After log on,

GET, NEWS

LIST, F=NEWS

CAT will give you everything in the file

Models titles must be 6 letters (title) or less.

For those of you who have prepared a module, enter it in the new file. Check *NEWS* to see specific directions. Reviewers enter comments without alterating original; for comments by reviewers, see NEWS. If one can't or won't enter original module, please send to Paul Strand, who will have it entered. USE FORMAT NOTED EARLIER (title, concepts, prerequisites, etc.).

Group adjourned to the computer center for a series of demonstrations, such as -SPSSCAI.

Meeting adjourned in early afternoon after John Korey faithfully promised that there would be no smog in Pomona on Feb. 12-13.

Recorded by   
Bruce Haston