**SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND INSTRUCTIONAL COUNCIL   
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 1986   
MINUTES

PRESENT: Barkan (San Bernardino), Barnes (Sacramento), Crane (CCR), Dunn (CO), Ebeling (Chico), Graves (Hayward), Haston (Humboldt), Johnson (CCR), Korey (Pomona), Payne (San Jose), Ross (Bakersfield), Shaffer (SLO), Stearns (Fullerton), Strand (San Diego), Turner (Northridge), Wilmot (CO)

ABSENT: Anagnoson (Los Angeles), DeLeon (San Francisco), Dixon (Sonoma), Hubbard (Long Beach), Nelson (Fresno), Palmer

(Dominguez Hills)

MINUTES: The correct spelling of the Sacramento representative's surname is "Barnes". The minutes of the Spring 1986 meeting were approved as corrected.

ANNUAL REPORT: Will be ready soon.

CCR REPORT:

Advanced Taxonomy.

* The Division of Information Systems (DIS) is now the Office of Computing and Communications Resources (CCR).
* The State University Data Center (SUDC) is now the CSU Systemwide Computer Center (SCC).
* The Instructional Support Group (ISG) is now the Academic Computing Support Group (ACSG).
* The Technical Services Group (TSG) is now the Operating Systems Support Group (OSSG).
* SCC, ACSG and OSSG together make up the CSU Systemwide Computer Services (SCS).

Change of Venue. CCR will move to new quarters as of 12/31.

Discipline Related Faculty Training Workshops. 21 proposals for almost $400K have been submitted. The selection committee will meet on Oct. 29 to choose the winners.

Budget. Funding for workstations for faculty does not look good. There is $5.9 million in lottery money for student workstations, in addition to lottery money on the campuses that can be used for this purpose. The CSU has now purchased the Prime computers.

Oracle, a data base management system, will be available on the Primes. It is at present licensed for instructional use only.

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BITNET can now be used from within MAIL.

The Academic Computing Enhancement Institute (ACE Institute) has evolved as a result of the Gillespie-Faulkner Report. Its purpose is to offer advice and guidance regarding improvement of computing within the CSU. It has money to support computing innovation in ways that are not supported elsewhere. Currently, the Institute is supporting the Molecular Design Lab project headquartered at Fullerton, super-computer training for faculty, a pilot project on computer conferencing, and the Inter-University Consortium for Educational Computing (a project led by Carnegie-Mellon to develop future academic software tools. The CSU is represented by Northridge, and the ACE Institute is currently looking for a northern campus to join the project).

The Institute will be soliciting proposals from discipline councils. In response to this information, the SSRIC asked Paul Strand to submit a proposal on the Council's behalf to fund development of California SETUPS.

Membership in the ACE Institute currently includes representatives from two of the discipline councils, BICC and SSRIC. John Korey is serving as SSRIC representative, and would like to step down. Anyone interested in replacing him should contact Penny Crane.

Micro-computer Software. We have purchased a site license for SAS PC, but have as yet been unable to work anything out with SPSS PC. CCR is currently looking into other software packages.

Chancellor's Office. Terry Dunn will replace Chuck Wilmot as liaison between SSRIC and the Analytic Studies Office of the C.O. The Council welcomed Terry back, and thanked Chuck for his outstanding service.

Cyber Data Bases.

- CSUVARS is a new procedure for finding out what is available on central Cyber data bases. It will access variable names and labels in SPSS system files on the CYBER. To access this procedure type, "FIND,CSUVARS" or "FIND,CSUVARS,HELP".

- the ICPSR Guide to Resources and Services is now on-line. ICPDB allows the user to extract an abstract of an ICPSR study. Searches can be by author, subject or title. It is structured much like CSUDB. Type, "FIND,ICPDB" or "FIND,ICPDB,HELP". ICPVARS is somewhat like CSUVARS. It is used to search for variables in ICPSR datasets. Type "FIND,ICPVARS" or "FIND,ICPVARS,HELP".

- for information on a new data set, "Roll Call 1965-85", type "FIND,ROLLCAL".

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- there is a variables file for the Roper archives, but to use it one has to access their computer. If you are interested in getting their variables file on the Cyber, convey this interest to Jeff Johnson. Also, let Jeff know what else you think we need, e.g., a procedure to run elementary statistics, such as frequencies; a procedure to create a subset of a file; better documentation. Let Jeff know as well if you are having trouble downloading files, and/or you want SPSS system files moved from the Cyber to the Prime.

FIELD INSTITUTE STUDENT INTERNSHIP: We don't know yet whether or not the student selected for the Fall 1986 internship did in fact take the position. Flyers have gone out soliciting applications for the Spring.

HISTORY MICRO REVIEW: Barkan distributed a description of this new publication.

SSRIC NEWSLETTER: The Council discussed the possibility of inaugurating a newsletter. Instead, the Council decided, for the time being at least, to ask the Chair to organize and transmit information (re, e.g., data, programs, workshops, position announcments) to Alicia Wilmot for inclusion in ISGINFO.

SSRIC CENTRAL CYBER ACCOUNT: 7ETPSSR will have its files purged every Dec. 31. Notification will go out Dec. 1.

UPCOMING SSRIC MEETINGS: Winter - 2/12-13 @ Northridge; Spring - 4/30-5/1 @ Sonoma.

STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE: A letter has gone out to potentially interested faculty.

MICRO-COMPUTER LABS: Turner expressed concern that departments are losing control over these labs to Computer Centers.

MAP: Two students at Northridge have produced a poster-sized map of California broken down by ethnicity. Contact Gene Turner for more information.

SYSTEMWIDE LIBRARY CATALOG: Dunn asked whether or not we should put our databases in this catalog that is now being developed. The Council's consensus was that, since UC is working on a similar program, we should wait-and see what their experience is.