October 16, 1987

Minutes -- SSRIC Meeting -- 10/8-9/87

Present: Rich DeLeon (SFSU): Dave Decker (San Berdoo); John Korey

(Pomona): Terry Dunn (CO); Ed Nelson (Fresno); Bruce Haston (Humboldt), Rich Serpe (Fullerton); Paul Strand (San Diego); Jim Ross (Bakersfield); Jeff Johnson (CCR); Ted Anagnoson (LA); Charlene Leonard (San Jose); Dick Shaffer (SLO); Penny Crane (CCR); Jonah Mills (CCR): Pat Curtis (CCR).

1. Approval of minutes m/s/p to approve the previous minutes.
2. Barkan's annual report was approved with no changes.
3. SSRIC delegates to the ICPSR Official Representatives Meeting, November 13-15, 1987. Following the bylaws religiously, the group   
   found this year's List to be as follows *(Yes* or No in parentheses indicates whether the representative wants to go to the meeting): 1. Humboldt (Yes); 2. Long Beach (absent; *Yes?);* 3. L.A. (no); 4.San Diego (Yes); 5. Dominguez Hills (ineligible, not present during the previous 3 meetings); 6. Pomona (No>; 7. Northridge (No); 8.San Francisco (No); 9. Fresno (Yes); 10. San Luis Obispo (Yes); 11. Hayward (ineligible, not present during the previous 3 meetings); 12. Sacramento (not clear); 13. San Jose (yes): 13A. Jeff Johnson (yes); 14. Stanislaus; 15. Fullerton; 16. Sonoma; 17. San Bernardino; 18. Bakersfield; 19. Chico.
4. CCR Report. Penny Crane reported on:

* the current budget ($7,000,000 has been provided for student access to computing, for the first time in some time);

-the Academic Computing Planning Committee, of which John Korey is his campus' representative (the committee will deal soon with the policy toward replacing the academic computers on the campus and central, in particular, the campus CYBER 730s);

-the systemwide mini supercomputer (ELXSI, which is a parallel processing machine that now supports Pascal, Fortran and C under UNIX -- CCR is now testing different kinds of software and programs on this machine):

* the movement of the actual computers from Wilshire to the Los Alamitos offices;

-the new *CCR* slide show on the system and the range of its computing, numbers of students, etc.

* ACS Info -- with *new* material on databases, etc.

5. Jeff Johnson reported on:

-the installation of the American National Election Study, 1972­74-76 panel and the study entitled "Monitoring the Future...."

* several new datasets have been ordered: -CSU SCC Processing the Data Bases.
* Documentation for the SPSS PC+ Adaptation of the General Social

Survey, 1986. There was considerable discussion of the bestway to fit this large study onto floppy disks.

-"How is your favorite politician voting?"

* CYBER Mail Commands/Beginner's Guide for New Mail Users.

-Stat/Transfer, a $65 program which will transfer files to and from the following formats: LOTUS i-2-3, Symphony, dBase II, III, III\*: Gauss, SPSS export files, Systat, and Stata. Available for S65 from the Stata people at Computing Resource Center, 10801 National Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064. 213-470­4341.

* Policy on data base creation and distribution. Jeff will make available PC databases that people have created and start a small library of such databases as might be of interest to others.
* The fact that databases which are listed in the documentation as being on DABASE or other packs may in fact be online and

available through an ATTACH,fn/UN=7ETPDBA. They are not permanently online, however. Once databases fail to be usedfor some long period, they are removed as others become available.

-The Field survey instrument is identical to the codebook Field distributes.

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1. Student Research Conference -- Ted got directions and advicefrom all on what to do and when. You will be hearing more about the conference.
2. The ICPSR Czar will continue to be E Nelson.
3. The Field committee is composed of Nelson, Bruce Haston and Richard Serpe. White flyers will be produced. The student intern program will continue at one per semester, with the Spring applications due in early December and the Fall applications in mid April. The faculty fellow applications will be due in January or early February and the Question credit applications by mid-January. Ed will be sending out WHITE notices to all.

9. Dick Shaffer reported on his workshop. Ted Anagnoson reported on his workshop. Jeff has a copy of Dick Schaeffer's handouts if anyone would like to borrow them for a quick partial Xeroxing. Ted will distribute his handouts with these minutes, thus delaying them for months.

10. The ACE Institute funded the SIMS Grant (SETUPS for California data and students). These include Ed Nelson's module on sex roles and gender differences from the Field survey of August, 1985; Bruce Haston's CSU Student Survey from 5 campuses, the questionnaire from which was distributed; the data from the first campus are available on the Central CYBER; Jim Ross' city county data book on California; Elliott Barkan's module on immigration and naturalization; and Rich DeLeon's December 1985 Field Poll on attitudes towards AIDS and homosexuality.

Information items from the last meeting Involving Jon Ebeling (SIPPS) and Don Dixon (Office of Senate Research Liaison?) were continued to the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Anagnoson

Acting Scribe, who should have

located one of Jeff's computers

on the table and taken notes as we

went along.

P.S. -- The Winter meeting is in San Luis Obispo in February. If anyone has trouble flying in to SLO but can fly to Santa Barbara, I will be driving up to SLO on Thursday at 9 a.m. or so and returning

Friday noonish. It takes two hours to go from one city to the other. If you can arrive in Santa Barbara by 9 a.m. or so and can leave Friday p.m. after 1 or 2, let me know. If arrival Thursday morning is impractical, you could arrive Wednesday night and stay with me.

Ted Anagnoson