CSU SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND INSTRUCTIONAL COUNCIL FALL, 1988 MEETING

CSU, Sacramento

October 13-14, 1988

MINUTES

PRESENT: G.Turner (Chair), P.Strand, D.Shaffer, B.Haston, J.Korey, J.Ross, E.Nelson, B.Jackson, C.Barnes, R.Serpe, G.Osterud, E.Barkan, J.Ebeling, D.Graves, L.Giventer, R.DeLeon, P.Crane, J.Johnson, T.Dunn. (Byran Jackson, CSULA, was filling in for Ted Anagnoson; Grey Osterud, SJSU, is replacing Charlene Leonard on the Council.)

1. MSP to approve Spring SSRIC minutes.

2. MSP to approve 16th Annual SSRIC Report.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Charlene Leonard announced her retirement. Appreciations and congratulations were expressed. Grey Osterud will be SJSU's new SSRIC rep.
2. Updated list of SSRIC members was distributed.
3. Reminder of upcoming SSRIC meetings: Feb 16-17 in San Diego; May 4-5 in San Francisco.

4. PROGRESS REPORT ON SSIMS MODULES (Barkan): Three are done and printed. Dick Shaffer will assist Bruce in finishing his. ACE members were delighted with the modules. Much still to do: Plan distribution, seek additional ACE funding for publicity, arrange copyrights, etc. All data sets are on the Central Cyber 7ETPDBA account.

5. 1989 WORKSHOP PROPOSAL (Nelson): The Chancellor's Office has provided $15,000 funding for a one-week computer workshop to be offered in Fresno June 26-30, 1989. The workshop will be PC-oriented, responding to popular demand, with two tracks, one for beginners, the other more advanced. Instructors will be R.Serpe, J.Korey, E.Nelson, & J.Johnson. Ed asked for help in advertising the workshop and providing the team with instructional materials in SPSS-PC, SPSS-X, exercises, etc. Announcements will be made Feb. 1, applications due Mar. 15, notifications by April 15.

6. STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE (DeLeon): Arrangements are being made for the 14th Annual Student Research Conference to be held May 4, 1989, at SFSU. Posters will be distributed soon and letters mailed to CSU faculty soliciting student research. DeLeon received many helpful suggestions on how to proceed.

7. ICPSR (Nelson): Only 2 applicants for the last Summer Program. Jon Ebeling will handle this year's Summer Program. The job involves recruiting candidates, processing applications, pre-

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paring materials to send to Ann Arbor, evaluating and recommending applicants for approval by Council. $2100 is available to support travel each summer, max $700/person if more than 2 applicants.

1. ESC CALIFORNIA DATA BASE (Ebeling) Jon Ebeling proposed that the Council consider subscribing to the Economic Science Com­pany's economic data base for California. Originally used by Security Pacific Bank for economic forecasting (comparable to UCLA's highly regarded forecasting model), now the property of ESC's Bob Roberts. Data set includes much of interest to economists and other social science faculty, including info on county population, employment, financial conditions, consumer prices, agricultural resources, etc. Annual subs. costs about $15,000. Conversion of data set to our computer systems will be necessary; now requires customized file management program to run on IBM. A number of Council members expressed interest. Many questions, suggestions made, including idea of notifying BIC and other system councils to arrange possible tandem funding and utilization; arranging for a demo to be presented by Roberts; negotiate fee through CCR. Jon will distribute more info on ESC data base to Council members, and Jeff John­son will talk with Roberts.
2. FIELD COMMITTEES (Nelson): Field had its annual workshop last month. Question credits: UC has 22, CSU has 25 -- 12 for Ellie Barkan, 13 for faculty fellows. Allen Fisher's questions on violence will appear in Jan-Feb '89 poll. Concerns raised about whether Field is meeting its contract agreement to provide data sets within 60 days. Ed checked time lag on last 3 polls (dating from times surveys were conducted): 5 mos, 5 mos, 7 mos. Possible explanations: election year, Field is busy; Field has changed systems, staffing problems. Possible that bottleneck is in our own processing system. Paul Strand mentioned that twice last year errors appeared in data sets received from Field & had to be redone. Council members emphasized the importance of quick receipt of usable data sets -- one important reason for contracting with Field. Paul and Terry Dunn will get a response from Field and report back at the next meeting.

Field is pleased with the CSU interns we've sent him. There was no intern this Fall.

Ed will soon circulate topics for 1988-89 field polls.

Ed announced application deadlines for faculty fellows, intern, and question credits: Faculty Fellow -- Feb. 1; Student Intern -- Dec. 1; Question Credits -- Jan. 15. Ed expressed concern about the small number of applicants for these opportunities. Field Committee is Ed, Richard Serpe, Bruce Haston.

1. CCR (Crane): CCR will move computer center from Wilshire to Seal Beach facility in mid-November. Switch to new Cyber 960

machine should be "transparent" and will take place after Jan.1. Both NOS and NOS-VE will be supported. MAIL/BITNET should be no problem on new system. CCR is committed to support major software, including SPSS, SAS, Minitab, no matter what systems local campuses choose. Some local campus computer centers are shifting data bases to Central cyber as they install new computers and are suggesting downloading to floppies as insurance. VAX machines should be able to handle SPSS, Minitab, SAS with no problems. After switch to new machines on local campuses, users will still need to know NOS to access MAIL/BITNET, CSUVARS, and other utilities on Central Cyber. We should be prepared for all kinds of compatibility problems during transition over next few years.

A budget request was made for $1.7 million for faculty work­stations. *23* professional development workshop proposals were made, 9 funded for $400,000 total, including Ed Nelson's. Also support for ARC/INFO GIS workshops. To get a list of funded workshops, ask for DOC,WORKSHP on Central Cyber. Late January ACE will circulate new RFP's with early May return date.

Efforts being made to establish CERFNET (California Education Research network) involving UC, CSU and other groups. Unlike other regions, Calif. does not have such a network. Should help us link with NSF net. Seeking NSF funding support for creating CERFNET.

Penny and Ray Clark attended NEXT gala, reported on results. Plans in works to acquire 24 NEXT machines to be available for experimental/training purposes on 3 selected CSU campuses. RFP's out to CSU campuses in late December.

1. CATI SYSTEMS (Johnson): Responding to questions about current contract proposals, fees, terms, etc., associated with Sawtooth and UCB packages, Jeff promised to put out most current info soon over CATI MAIL network.

Site license has been obtained for DiskManager PC package, protects hard disks against student mistakes & misuse. $75/ installation, 10 copies (about $7.50 each, a bargain says Rich Serpe, who uses system in his lab).

Data set for GSS88 should be out soon, according to Jeff. Wants feedback on use of GSS87. Is looking for volunteers to work on codebook for '88 data set.

1. SSIMS DEMOS: On Friday Ed Nelson, Rich DeLeon, Ellie Barkan, Bruce Haston, and Jim Ross described their SSIMS modules and provided computer-assisted demonstrations.

Musical and gastronomic amenities were provided with kindness aforethought by Carole Barnes. A well-arranged and productive meeting.

-- Scribe: Rich DeLeon