**Social Science Research and Instructional Council**

**Minutes of October 19, 1994 Meeting**

**CSU San Bernardino**

Present: Patrice Engle, SLO; Barbara Way, Cal Poly Pomona; Rae Newton, Fullerton; Allan Risley and Richard Serpte, San Marcos; Frank Gosset, Long Beach; Dona Baily, CSULA - SSDBA; Colin Campbell, CSULA - SSDBA; Nan Chico, Cal State Hayward; Rich Taketa, San Jose; Don Dixon, Sonoma State (Scribe); Dave Tabb, San Francisco State; John Korey, Cal State LA; Elliott Barkan, CSU: San Bernardino (Host); JeDon Emenhiser, Humboldt (Chair); Penny Crane, IRT; Jim Ross, Bakersfield; Doug Coe, San Diego;

Missing: Jon Ebeling, Chico; Margaret Blue, Dominguez Hills; Larry Giventer, Stanislaus; Carol Barnes, Sacramento; Monterey Bay, unrepresented.

Announcements: Barbara Way (Cal Poly Pomona) and Patrice Engle (SLO) were introduced as new council members.

Report on SPSS Workshop in June, 1994 (Ed Nelson)

31 faculty participants, including sociology (8); communication (3); business (3); education (3); political science (3); criminal justice (2); social work (2); anthropology (1); public administration (1) Chicano and Latin American studies (1); economics (1) nursing (1) and journalism (1).

Structure of workshop - beginning and intermediate: three sections: 1) SPSS (DOS) 2) SSDBA (how to use) 3) Development of Instructional Modules (how to do)

Good evaluations; several letters of commendation and support for future workshops.Plans to develop a workshop for Summer, 1996. Workshop will probably focus on SPSS for Windows. (Assumption is that Windows will be more available for campus based labs)

Report on ArcView Workshop, Long Beach, June, 1994 (Frank Gossette)

Introduced ArcView as a presentation tool for maps developed in more complex mapping systems (eg ArcInfo)

2 days appeared sufficient for training purposes. Software ran on 386 equipment; despite size of program and data sets, the system worked relatively well. Will probably do again, especially since ESRI-CSU are negotiating a site-license.

Future plans include more experience with down-loading materials (such as census data) from SSDBA

Companion workshop at SF State in ArcInfo also held in June. Object was to teach ARCINFO in a week to create datasets for use in ArcView. Jerry Davis (SF State- Geography) was the coordinator. 16 campuses represented. Most participants in SF were either geography or geology.

Penny Crane: ESRI and CSU contract negotiations are nearing final stage. It is anticipated that contract will be fmalized by sometime in November.

Details - 3 year contract. First year, will provide licenses to all campuses on the basis of what has already been paid by the campuses currently holding a license.

Second year will cost $100,000 for the system. Campuses will pay for second year license by subscription

Possibility of ESRI arrangement begun through SSDBA; more likely to be through the San Luis Obispo Business speciality center.

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License will include unlimited number of copies of ArcInfo (both PC and UNIX versions) and ArcView (all platforms).

AMSPEC - Ed Nelson concerned about long range funding. Doesn't want to load GIS costs on AMSPEC fees

John Korey -- "bundling" of services gets "tricky". Tradeoff between bringing schools into specialty centers and exclusion of those schools which are not members.

Gene Turner Offer of ArcView use over net. Arclnfo is another matter. ERSI would probably be willing to allow CSU faculty to participate in ERSI (Redlands) workshops on a space available basis.

**EDA Workshop Report**

Dave Tabb (For Rich/Ted) Two workshops; both highly successful. Most participants very excited -- as much by EDA as by STATA. Two notes: first workshop had fewer CSU than from elsewhere; second, universally better on PCs than on MAC.

**Status Report on SSDBA (Collin)**

New Services: DowJones News Services (currently part of SSDBA subscription -- will become an "add-on".) Legislative (Legi-Slate) data services are and will continue to be part of SSDBA data service for foreseeable future.

At request of Dave Tabb, Collin agreed to provide examples of faculty usage of Legi-Slate and DowJones data.

18 campuses are part of the SSUDB - usage up (figures provided by Collin)

Dona Bailey Talked about the Archivist role in development of class materials.(Examples were on use of survey data and "may it please the court") Wants to do more stuff on campuses to increase faculty interest in data collections.

**1995/96 SSRIC Meeting** Schedule:(Tentative)

Fall - November in Long Beach

Winter - December in Bakersfield

Early Spring - January or February in Humboldt

**Other Announcements:**

Field Data FI9404 is available for use. FI9405 will be available in November and FI9406 will probably be available by December

DELTA Project Has not met; no report

Annual Reports -- mailed to all key campus folks (Thanks to Ed Nelson's efforts)

**Systemwide Activities** (Penny Crane)

Cost of data services: ICPSR $54,000

FIELD $37,000

Compustat $68,000

Speciality Centers: $236,000/yearly to help with starting up specialty centers. This is the Academic

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Opportunities fund.

Academic Information Resource Council. Currently has 52 members. Marc Resmer is new chair - wants to keep AIRC because of its cross-sectional/represenative nature.

AIRC/ACCESS subcommittee said that its money should be used for academic enhancement. Tom West has committed to continue this funding. Last year there were $1.9 million worth of requests. In 1994.5 this grew to $.45 million worth of requests. Quality of requests was good and improving.

Presidential Taskforces: Four Presidential taskforces have been created. They include: administration (Gordon, Fullerton), infrastructure (Rosser, LA State) and finance. (4th was unknown)

CLERT (Claret) Commission This is now in Richard (as opposed to Tom) West's area. Given the growth of presidential taskforces/commission, the program committee of CLARET (academic senators/academic vps) has decided AMC is somewhat obsolete. Discipline councils should be given to Institute of Teaching and Learning. ITL, however, is probably not going to actively seek this task.

IRT reorganization 3 areas

1. Chancellor's Office Computing Center
2. New Group -- provide support for commissions and affinity groups
3. Institute

Institute, headed by Vice Chancellor Molly Broad, is intended to develop products and bring in revenue. GINA is first project. Current intent (Tom West) is to put four things in Institute. 1) financial databases; 2) student information systems; 3) GINA Project, and 4) bibliographic databases

4 DELTA funded projects

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| Young scholars project MBA  Multi-media  Library project | - bring college credit courses to rural high schools 5 campuses  - offered jointly by 4 campuses. Questions remain about who pays for faculity and  who gets credit  - in Long Beach, San Jose, SLO and Chico building large databases of images in Art  and Biology and can be used in classroom  - San Jose and Fullerton with ACM technology to test remote learning in library  science. |

Discussion of Possible workshops for future meetings: 1) Windows 2) Internet 3) Pedagogy 4) Examples of Instructional applications 5) Lexis/Nexus

General discussion of need to match pedagogy with technology. While focused on the possible uses of the AIRC funds (and grant applications) topics covered a large number of related topics. These included concern over need for specific teaching examples, specific teaching modules (or materials); role of hardware and software availability

Use of SSDBA data - Responding to Questions (Colin Campbell)

Census data -- can be used in unrestricted fashion as long as the principal contracting entity is the Unversity. Raw data should be purchased from the Population Research Unit; SPSS codebooks may be purchased directly from CSULA.

Field data -- may not be used except for classroom and faculty research pruposes. Not for use for profit. Per a conversation between J. Emenhiser and Mark DeCamillo during Summer, 1994 individual projects which need Field data can negotiate a cost directly with the Field Organization.

Roper data -- subject to same limits as Field

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ICPSR data -- in the public domain and reports can be used as desired. ICPSR does not actually own most of the data itself, however, hence there are likely to be major restrictions.(Carol Barnes memo of Summer, 1994 disagrees)

Collin asserted that SSDBA is not intending to get into the business of subsetting data sets, or providing analysis for use by other entities

SIMS Modules Report:

E. Barkan reported that Kinkos is no longer the printer being used by the SIMS project. To date, there is no replacement.

John Nary - report on marketing of SIMS modules to Community Colleges and others. Need to "bundle" SIMS with analytic software such as SPSS or (possibly) STATAQUEST

General discussion regarding possible further development of additional SIMS modules. (Other data on non-California; more recent; additional subjects might be added). Updates may focus on different regional data and different levels of sophistication. (Original modules were intended to be used by elementary users -- faculty and student)

Possibility of going with Wadsworth and StatQuest as a bundled product was discussed at length. Also the possibility of the IRT Institute, ICPSR and Sage as a distribution possibilities were also raised. (Barkan/ &try/ Serpe < chair > were continued as the "SIMS TROIKA" to explore further possibilities for development and distribution).

Draft of SSRIC brochure

Introduced by J.Emenhiser. Suggestions were received from a variety of sources; Penny Crane will arrange to have the brochure printed; Ed Nelson would like to have copies by the AIRC meeting in November. MSP Commendation to Penny Crane for assisting in getting brochure printed

Coming Events:

Winter Meeting: Feb 16/17 - SLO Workshop on AMSPEC and ArcView

Spring Meeting: April 27 - Student Research & Field Conference - San Francisco.

Dave Tabb (SF State) has taken over coordination of meeting arrangements

for student research conference from Rich DeLeon.

Field Meeting Mark DeCamillo has "penciled in" April 20 as Field meeting. Whether to combine Field meeting with SSRIC function will be decided after discussion with Mark De Camillo Reminder: last year, there was an agreement to have the Research Conference on Thursday, Field on Friday, and the business meeting on Saturday

Field Institute Business (Ed Nelson). Faculty Fellowship and student materials distributed. Some discussion of the re student internship experience and the need to better structure student activities. General dissatisfaction with some of the intern experiences was discussed.

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