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Spring 1979 Meeting

San Francisco State University

May 3, 4

Present: Brewster, Dixon, Ebeling, Geisler, Gianos, Giventer, Graves,   
Haston, Kameniecki, Korey, McCall, Palmer, Smith (for Stevens),   
Wagner

Guests: Penny Crane (DIS), Marilyn Lewis (DIS), Gloria Rummels (DIS), Peter Sherrill (TFI), Chuck Wilmot (CO)

1. Approval of minutes: Minutes of the Winter meeting were approved as distributed.
2. Computer Procurement: Penny Crane brought the Council up to date on the status of the computer procurement RFP. She reported that the DOFinance has altered their view somewhat and is "sensitive" to our viewpoints. The budget for 79-80 has been augmented to 3.0 million. Budget for 80-81 will be 4 million with a reduction in subsequent years. CPU size will remain as recommended for each campus and central locations. Smaller campuses will have a reduced number of ports into the central systems. BMD, SPSS, IMSL software all have sufficient usage rates, thus they will be installed on every campus. Additional staff for computer centers is not forthcoming! Several vendors have made inquiries about the RFP. RFP should be on the street for bid in July 1979, if all goes well. The first installation will be in the southern conversion center in April 1980; the northern conversion center follows in April 1900; Northridge in August 1980, with the rest to follow in 1980-81.

Discussion: Concern was expressed over expected competition for scarce staff support on campus for software users. Also concern was raised about the status of the Cyber after August 1983, for example, Pomona has 12 ports into the Cyber now and 6 proposed into the new central system. After 1983 when the Cyber goes away, this would drop to the 6 ports into the central system. Crane said this would be a messy problem but an increase in numbers of ports to local systems may help some.

1. Data Bases: This item resulted from a memo from Hightower of March 27, 1979, asking for guidelines for locating new ICPSR data bases. Space is scarce on the disks.

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1. Handout: "Data Base Files to be Removed from Disk" listed usage rates for many data bases. After much discussion a motion was approved that Jon Ebeling serve this summer as a liaison with DIS in the removal process. Guidelines for the "hitlist" include: Data base must not have been used 5 times and no more recently than the last two years. Exceptions are the national election studies. DIS will submit a hitlist to the Council members before any deletions are made.
2. Locations of new data bases will take place after consultation with Jon Ebeling and others on the Council.
3. Because of the enormous size of the "National Crime Surveys", use will be a problem. ICPSR has proposed creating a new more

manageable file substantially reduced in size but retaining most "victim" data and a few other respondents.

1. DIS will set up a standard procedure for requesting non-machine readable data from ICPSR so that the OR's won't be bothered with these requests.
2. Larry Giventer reported problems with inaccurate or incomplete instructions for accessing codebooks and data bases on tape. DIS will update and distribute the revised documentation.
3. SPSS user disk-packs will be dumped from the disks in July. Students and faculty should indicate what should be saved on the disks. Nothing will be destroyed without backup on tape. Faculty should try to keep files current so that needed space is not tied up.
4. Microfiche codebooks: Micro-fiche codebook sets will be sent out soon to the campus representatives. Four sets will be sent: one for the OR, one for the library, and two for the computer center. Additional copies may be ordered form the Documents Division. Minimum orders are $2.50.
5. By-laws. The By-laws amendment from Haston re: "Attendance at Biennial Meeting, Ann Arbor" was approved unanimously. This amendment changes Article VII to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII

Attendance at Biennial ICPSR Meeting in Ann Arbor

According to the terms of agreement with ICPSR in Ann Arbor, CSUC is entitled to send ten participants to the Biennial Meeting of Official Representatives of ICPSR. Selection will be as follows:

1. The SSRIC, CSUC Council Chairperson or his/her designee and the immediate past Council Chairperson shall be two of the participants attending the Biennial Meeting.
2. The Council will select the other representatives on a rotating basis biennially.

Changes in Article VII are underscored.

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VI. Ann Arbor meeting: Discussion ensued on the question of whether OR's with poor records of attendance at SSRIC meetings should be allowed to attend the Ann Arbor Meetings. It was moved and seconded that: "OR's have to attend at least one SSRIC meeting in the previous year to be able to be eligible for the ICPSR biennial meeting." After some dis­cussion the motion and second were withdrawn. It was then moved and seconded and passed that the Priority List for 1980 Meeting be corrected by moving LA State from 12th to 1st position with all institutions being moved down one position, since LA State was not represented and at the last meeting. The revised list is as follows:

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| 1. | Los Angeles | 11. | Dominguez Hills |
| 2. | Humboldt | 12. | Pomona |
| 3. | Sonoma | 13. | San Luis Obispo |
| 4. | Stanislaus | 14. | San Francisco |
| 5. | Northridge | 15. | Hayward |
| 6. | San Bernardino | 16. | Long Beach |
| 7. | Bakersfield | 17. | Sacramento |
| 8. | Chico | 18. | San Jose |
| 9. | San Diego | 19. | Fullerton |
| 10. | Fresno |  |  |

VII Summer program: Three applications were approved with equal funding of

$767 for each. Joel Best of Fresno, Margaret McKay of Humboldt, and Dennis Harris of Sonoma were to receive funding. Additional faculty from Chico and Sonoma will attend with outside funding. One student from Sonoma will attend.

VIII Field internships. Peter Sherrill of TFI suggested that TFI was

interested in internships but that using faculty members at least initially seemed most promising. Student internships raised funda­mental questions for TFI. TFI-prefers that students would work under the direction of faculty interns.

The Intern Committee headed by Larry Giventer wanted TFI as an intern site for students--believing that the TFI site presented no more difficult problems than internships already available throughout the system.

Much discussion followed involving: money, supervision of students, mechanisms of administration, definition of an internship, model for internships, TFI responsibility for supervision, among others.

It was moved and seconded that the Questionnaire Committee work out procedures for implementing a faculty internship with TFI. This motion was set aside until further discussion at the TFI annual meeting in May.

Later in the meeting on reconsideration, it was moved seconded and passed that "the Questionnaire Committee is empowered to recruit and select a scholar or scholarly team to be the first CSUC faculty intern/s or fellow/s with TFI, if a mutually agreeable model could be worked out with TFI." This model should not endanger the potential for student interns with TFI in the future, but is a means for moving toward such a student internship.

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1. Summer workshop: The summer workshop idea can expect no funding from the Chancellor's Office innovative funds. The discussion that followed suggested that a "mixed strategy" be pursued until the Fall SSRIC

meeting. That strategy involved seeking funding from CSUC, ICPSR, NSF, or anyone else--in addition to considering individual faculty development grants coordinated around a common theme (as was successful at SF State this year). OR's are directed to investigate campus sources of funding for faculty development, retraining, etc.

1. NSF CAUSE proposal: This committee has not met recently. It was moved, seconded, and passed that "The Committee should continue with Sheldon Kameniecki replacing Jay Stevens as a member, and that committee should prepare a report for the Fall SSRIC meeting." [Editor's note: Subse­quent to the meeting, the Council Chair contacted Stevens who indicated that he is still the Long Beach OR and, in any event, is still interested in the CAUSE proposal. Gianos, Kamieniecki, Korey, and Stevens will meet in July to work on the proposal. The Chair apologizes to Stevens for the misunderstanding.]
2. Software acquisition. SCSS will be purchased for the Cyber when the program is available. SPSS/mini will not be purchased for the local PDP 11's because the high memory requirement would impact the system
3. SPSS version 8.0: SPSS 8.0 will be out soon. This prompted a discussion of faculty student workload overload resulting from the increasingly frequent conversions to new versions of SPSS. P. Crane said she would try to keep the old and new versions available for a longer transition period, if the new version was installed.
4. SSRIC 1979-80 schedule: It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Fall meeting will be held at Dominguez Hills on October 11 and 12. Suggested workshop topics included: a presentation on path analysis by Herman Lother; a presentation on the "Congressional Game"; a tour of the Dominguez Hills Social Systems Research Center (SSRC). The Winter meeting will be at Sonoma, and Spring meeting and Student Research Conference will be at Fullerton. Details will be forthcoming.

XIV, Rider B: "Amended Rider B" of the contract with TFI and CSUC dated February 12, 1979 was submitted by Chuck Wilmot for our information. This amendment appears to meet all the concerns of the SSRIC.

XV. The meeting adjourned to a reception for student participants in the Student Research Conference.