MINUTES

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND INSTRUCTION COUNCIL

MAY 4, 1984

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Present; Gene Turner, Northridge; Ken Wagner, Los Angeles; Dave Lutz, San Bernardino; Dan Braves, Hayward; Penny Crane, NB: Hal Hubbard, Long Beach; Carole Barnes, Sacramento; Jim Ross, Bakersfield; Charlene Leonard, San Jose; John Korey, Pomona; Terry Dunn, ISG; Jonah Mills, ISO; Gloria Rummels, I31i; Dick Shaffer, San Luis Obispo; Ed Nelson, Fresno; Dick Palmer, Dominguez Hills; Chuck Wilmot, Chancellor's Office; Don Dixon, Sonoma; Lawrence Giventer, Stanislaus.

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM at the Kellogg West Conference Center.

Recap of Student Conference. -- Suggestions for improvement.

* more personal push by SSRIC reps including targeting of participating instructors/classes
* earlier poster/announcement production
* publicity spots (e.g. keynote speaker)
* get student travel funds OK'd early (e.q. IRA or student association)
* missive to Jack. Smart, Deputy Provost extolling virtues of conference and requesting funding for awards

Field Committee

Three question credit proposals received and two internship

applications received.

M/S/P Authorize Field Committee to proceed with selecting questions and intern.

Ed Nelson inquired about the possibility of updating a subject

index to the Field Polls. Don Dixon volunteered to coordinate an index update -- using RIPS -- and working with DIS.

Chuck Wilmot reported that the contract renewal is in the

works. The Field Workshop is scheduled for Friday, June 15, in San Francisco. What Field Poll issues should be addressed? Notify Dick Shaffer of suggestions.

Field Poll 83-04 is up on Central Cyber -- not in SUDCDB yet. Call Jonah Mills, ISG, for access details.

ICPSR

Dave Lutz reported that two faculty applications have been

received for the summer program. Don Dixon said two student applications were forthcoming.

Workshop Proposal Status

Dick Shaffer reported that he has reworked the proposal -­does not see it happening this summer. The proposal is being handled by the CSU Foundation in hope of getting private

sector funding. Let Dick know of big companies that hire our graduates.

Jim Ross reported that he has authored a procedure file to auto run a "mindless" SPSS job -- i.e. user only has to supply variable names in order to run a crosstab -- no hassle with

SPSS commands. The files will be made public access: PROC1   
and PROC2 in account HBLROO1 -- or contact Jim through Cyber MAIL. Shaffer suggested doing this with CENSPAC.

Gloria Rummels reported that the Council's account 7ETPSSR has

had its memory limit increased. Terry Dunn suggested that CENSPAC

examples for our classes could be run in account 7ETPCEN,

which has enough memory for CENSPAC jobs. Call Terry for the

password -- it will be changed periodically.

More Census info.

Public use microdata 5% sample will be available. Terry is   
working on putting subsets by county up on the Central Cyber. Larry Giventer suggested acquiring data tapes of Census information by school district, Others suggested an SSRIC workshop on Census data and CENSPAC.

Reminder -- the Fall meeting will be October 18-19. It's currently scheduled for San Francisco State but might be moved to Stanislaus.

Don Dixon suggested that a one or two page summary

be prepared of the procedures and perks useful to the SSRIC

(SSRIC account. MAIL, ...).

Penny Crane reported that the local timesharing feasibility study (replacement of POP 11s should go to Sacramento in July, hit the streets in the fall, and maybe be contracted for in the Spring of 1985. More poshould [sic] be coming to each campus because instructional access will remain the top priority *in* the computer budgets (after maintenance). Don Dixon will work with I56 on an update to SPSSCAI. A DIS task force has been formed to write a program change proposal for the 1985-86 budget to fund faculty computer access. Academic and administrative task forces have been formed to help DIS "plan".

More microcomputer software will become available as DIS completes negotiations with various software houses.

Ed Nelson reported that he has put together a 70 variable subset of the General Social Survey. Contact Ed for more information.

M/S/P Thanks and commendations to Dick Shaffer for chairing the SSRIC during 1983-84.

M/S/P Thanks and commendations to John Korey for setting up the student conference and hosting the spring meeting.

Respectfully submitted,   
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