CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND INSTRUCTIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES: SPRING MEETING AND STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE   
SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

MAY 1-2, 1986

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Elliot Barkan, San Bernardino; Ed Nelson, Fresno; Jim Ross, Bakersfield; Charlene Leonard, San Jose;• Rich DeLeon, San Francisco; JeffJohnson, ISG; Carole Barnes, Sacramento; Hal Hubbard, Long Beach; Lawrence Giventer, Stanislaus; Dan Graves, Hayward; Terry Dunn, Chancellor's Office; Penny Crane, ISG; John Korey, Pomona; Don Dixon, Sonoma; Jonah Mills, ISG; Paul Strand, San Diego.

1) DIS REPORT

Jeff Johnson reported on new data bases, in particular SETUPS84 and the Law-Related Education Evaluation Project. He also distributed information regarding some new time series data bases and utility programs. Problems with ICPSR relating to the backlog of data bases were discussed. SSRIC still has its account on Central Cyber (7ETPSSR, DONDIX); you may contact Jeff if you have any problems with account limitations. Please submit any requests for new data bases to Jeff.

BUDGET: Penny Crane reported on various issues: Discussions were in progress on campus proposals for use of the lottery funds (amounting to some $11 million). DIS has proposed that funds be used for increasing student access. The process of considering the 1987/1988 computing budgets from the campuses was just beginning. The Cal State system has made a proposal which amounts to a new formula for the allocation of student work stations (mixed terminals and micros) from the present 9,000 to about 19,000 to be phased in over a five year period. The UC system proposal is based on a different formula (i.e. majors); our proposal is based on discipline codes and is a compilation of the formulas used at UC, Ohio State, and Florida State.

SOFTWARE: SAS ver. 5.0 and SAS-GRAPH software has been purchased for the PRIME. SAS has also been purchased for micros with site leases consisting of two parts: BASE SAS and EXTENDED SAS:information will be forthcoming. SPSS-X, SPSS GRAPHICS, ADA, NEW PASCAL have all been ordered for the PRIME. NINITAB has been installed on each campus on their PRIME; a version of MINITAB also exists for micros.

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In addition there is now available new software for the IBM-PC (FREESTYLE) a word processor package which is well documented with

a good tutorial (see Jeff). A list of graphic devices will be distributed in the future. A new package (MDL) with graphics is available but has not yet been distributed. (This is Molecular Design, a chemical data based installed only at campus request.)

As of June 15, 1986, and over the summer there will begin installation of a new OS for cybers. Soon the new system of split machines will come into being; the 760 for use in instruction and the 730 to be used by the Chancellor's Office; after this everyone will be automatically validated for MAIL. Also BITENET will be linked with MAIL after June.

Early Field Polls from 1959-1968 not previously SPSS formatted are in the process of being so done.

1. FIELD INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

A student intern from Hayward is serving during the Spring semester; there were two candidates for the Fall (from SLO and Humboldt), and it seemed likely that the student from Humboldt would be chosen. A Field Fellow has also been chosen.

Larry Giventer will replace Elliot Barkan on the Committee. Other members are Dick Palmer and Ed Nelson. Ed Nelson will chair.

1. SSRIC SUMMER WORKSHOP PROPOSAL

The proposal went before the Advisory Committee to Provide Pro­fessional Development Programs to Increase Faculty Instructional Skills using Computers in the Classroom. Dick Shaffer served on this committee which screened proposals. There is money in next year's budget (for 1986/1987) so the workshop will run the same time as the previous one. (At SLO). This time there will be attached an added proposal for a follow up workshop. Discussion followed on question of holding a one vs. two week session; achieving a better balance between mainframe and micro instruction; and the question of a staffing budget.

1. SSRIC STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE (MAY 1987, SONOMA STATE)

Discussion of next year's student conference emphasized several points; mixing of disciplines should be encouraged; for a greater audience, sessions might be scheduled during class times so various classes could attend; to ensure an orderly and more effective evaluation procedure, abstracts should be submitted early with the deadline for the actual papers themselves set for one week before the conference.

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Elliot suggested that each council member identify potentially interested faculty on each campus and he as council chair would send a letter to each soliciting their support in the hopes of lining up potential student papers as early as possible.

5) OTHER BUSINESS

Carole Barnes reported on the ASA workshop at Sacramento State in. computer literacy, to be held June 9-13. This is primarily for beginning users of micros. The session will include introductory word processing, spread sheets, data base management, simulations for sociology classes and computerized interviewing. The cost for ASA nembers would be $375, non members $425.

Rich DeLeon distributed information on the Field Poll data from 1985 (December), available on the central cyber and how to access this resource.

A variety of teaching aides were discussed. The SPSS Guide to Data Analysis (Larry); CQ has a good research methods book (John); Shelly & Kashman is coming out with new software (Charlene); SRA data base processing for micros (Don); Subsets of GSS*,* 1985 (Ed); Drunk Driving Data Base (Carole).

Penny Crane reported that the Gillespe Faulkner report has been submitted. An executive advisory committee will recommend what is to be done. John Korey is our SSRIC representative.

Respectfully Submitted;   
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