**Minutes, Spring, 1989 Meeting of
The CSU Social Science Research and Instructional Council
San Francisco State University
May 11-12,\_ 1989**

**Present:** DeLeon (SF), Dunn (CO), Crane (CO). Barkan (SB), Johnson (CO), Haston (H), Graves (F1), Serpe (F), Nelson (Fresno), Ebeling (Chico), Anagnoson (LA), Schaeffer (SLO).

*Present in spirit and partially in body:* Ross (B).

**Absent:** Blue (DH), Hubbard (LB), Korey (Pomona — on sabbatical — excused), Strand (SD), Giventer (Stanislaus — back problems — excused), Dixon (Sonoma). Appropriate penalties were issued to those absent without excuses.

*Inexplicably absent and missed:* Barnes (no doubt planning the next meeting of the SSRIC on *Kauai1*again)

1. **Announcements by the Chair:**

1. The new Dominguez Hills representative is Professor Margaret Blue of the Political Science department. 213-516-3478 (office and messages).
2. Anagnoson's office and message phone is now 213-343-2230. Barkan is now 880-5525 (off) and 880-5524 (msgs). There were other corrections which the Scribe missed. The Chair will put out a new mailing list with these minutes.

**Other announcements:**

1. (Anagnoson). A new statistical package for the Macintosh has just been announced by the Systat people -- called *Fastat --* has just about as much in it as Systat and for only $195 list price. For information write: Systat, Inc., 1800 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Illinois 60201. 312­864-5670.

**Stata** address is: Computing Resource Center, 10801 National Blvd., Third Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90064. In CA call 213-470-4341. DeLeon and Anagnoson are Stata users. Anagnoson also uses Systat.

1. The Institute for Research on Poverty's quarterly newsletter, Focus, recently noted that there is a PC version of the *Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)* available for $575 with retrieval software. Write SIPP-ACCESS, Institute for Research on Poverty, 3412 Social Science Building, 1180 Observatory Drive, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706. BITNET: SIPPASSIST@WISCPSL or 608-262-6458.

2. m/s/p to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

1Those of you who were present last year may remember that Anagnoson and Barnes held a meeting of the SSRIC at a divers' den on Kauai in June, 1988. Minutes for that meeting, however, were never received.

1. **Conference wrap-up.** General conclusion was that the conference was well organized and that the students presenting papers did exceptionally well.

**Paper winners:**

**—Vicki Trapalis,** "The Juvenile Crack Dealer," and Susan Gonda, "San Diego Women and Frontier Divorce, A Comparison of Divorce Documents in Three California Counties" were joint winners of the undergraduate award.

**--John Gianthruno,** "Budgeting Practices in Nonprofit Organizations: An Exploratory Study," from the MPA program at SJSU, was the winner of the graduate award.

**—Vincent Neal** of CSUF, "The Effects of Spouse's Socioeconomic Status Characteristics on Women's Perceptions of Marital Happiness: A Class Differentiation Perspective," was the winner of the Gloria Rummels Award.

**Suggestions** for future conferences:

*--Certificates of participation* for each student attending.

*--Winning papers might be distributed to all SSRIC members* (Anagnoson will try to get a copy of the Yama-po paper from last year's conference, and the Chancellor's Office people will distribute this year’s papers to all members.)

--The conference organizer should put out *explicit directions on how the paper authors should do their presentations.* Many students needed these directions.

*--Need for an outside source of income to help with the conference.* This year's conference cost about $1800 from the Dean/Provost; last year's was about $800, contributed by the Dean's office ($200), Dean of Graduate Studies and Research ($450 for lunch), and Department of Political Science ($150+ for duplicating, mailing, staff time, etc.). The difference between the two amounts is partially the cost of conference facilities.

*--The chair of the SSRIC will send a note* to the Provost/Dean at SFSU thanking him for supporting the conference.

1. m/s/p *to produce a brochure on the SSRIC* for distribution to departments, deans, presidents of campuses, etc.
2. SSIMS -- All five are now done and duplicated; 1,000 brochures have been printed and another 1,000 are available. 100 examination copies have been sent out. Presentations were made at the February ICPSR meeting at Stanford, and other presentations are scheduled.

**Kudos** were issued for Barkan especially and all those who participated in the project. Crane will distribute a list of Chancellor's Office funding sources.

Future SSIMs could be on topics such as geography and/or ethnic studies. Those attending the June workshop will receive training sufficient to put together a SSIMs if desired.

*Possibility of the ICPSR's holding training sessions on the West Coast,* or perhaps the Survey Research institute held in connection with the ICPSR summer program. m/s/p for Chair Turner to send a formal response to encourage the survey research institute to hold its workshops on the West Coast. R. Serpe is to find the appropriate person.

NSF network will link each campus to the ICPSR in the future, although access may be through Jeff Johnson. This will enable us to download databases less than one reel of tape in length relatively easily.

1. **Summer Workshop on Quantitative Methods at CSU/Fresno —** E. Nelson reported that there were 43 applications, with 28 attending from 15 of the 19 campuses. Nine disciplines are represented. 13 attendees are on track one (elementary), with 15 on track two (more advanced).
2. **Toots --** Haston brought up the problem of the Council's not tooting its own horn enough. It was decked by consensus to send out the annual report with the SSIMs flyer and perhaps the student research conference program attached to it.

The report could mention *past workshops* the council has encouraged and sponsored:

Summer, 1983 (SLO - on quantitative methods and analysis)

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Summer, 1987 (LA - on microcomputer statistical packages)

Summer, 1989 (Fresno - on quantitative methods and analysis on both mainframes

and microcomputers)

Discussion turned to *future workshops.* Nelson suggested that the demand for this year's workshop shows that there is enough demand to run another workshop along the same lines next year. DeLeon indicated interest in a workshop on graphical data analysis. Barkan also indicated interest in a workshop. The consensus of the council was to support both the DeLeon and Barkan ideas, with the notion being that the Nelson/Fresno workshop would be a prime candidate in two years.

1. **Field Report --** DiCamillo wanted some feedback on how Friday, 9/15/89 would be for the Field Research Conference. Consensus of the quarter campus reps was that some time 9/29 or later would be better. 10/12-13/89 we are scheduled to meet at Hayward.
2. **Student intern applications** were received from Lorna Robertson of SLO and Gene Gallegher of Sonoma. m/s/p to support 1 for summer and 1 for fall or both summer and neither fall. Robertson to received first choice.
3. **Question Credits --** Professor Selma Sontag of Humboldt submitted four questions on perceptions of language on ethnicity and affirmative action. m/s/p to support this application.
4. **ICPSR Summer Program --** only one application was submitted, from Professor John Tinker of Fresno, to attend one of the four week sessions. m/s/p to award $2100 to him to help defray his expenses.
5. **CCR2 Report.** Crane reported on:

—the replacement of the Cyber 960 over one weekend (transparent).

—A new planning document for the IRM people on each campus.

—Plans to procure either new Cybers or IBMs for administrative use; this will impact the social sciences in that the Cybers will not support SAS, while the IBMs will support either SPSSx or SAS.

 —CO support for the campus Primes (will last as long as the campuses are still running the Primes).

—CO may be procuring a VAX to be installed 7/1/89.

—The ELXSI will have more mass storage, which will enable pure number crunching activities to move to it, thus liberating some space on the Central Cyber.

2CCR = Chancellor's Office Computing staff. CO = Chancellor's Office.

—The 960 was obtained on a 5 year lease/purchase, so it will be around a while. If NOS/VE is installed as the operating system on the 960, however, there are implications for the social science data sets.

* The CO is beginning to support UNIX.
* The Academic Computing Enhancement Institute is supporting projects for two years only.

The SSRIC indicated great interest in a workshop on UNIX at the next Friday meeting (Fall quarter?).

1. **Database report** J. Johnson reported that the instructional coordinators on each campus have copies of the General Social Survey 1988 and that we can have copies if we give him 6 disks (the CO being out of disks). SSIMs will be distributed soon. The latest American National Election Survey has been ordered. as has the Australian National Social Survey (this is an interesting way that T. Dunn has of obtaining information on his home country — most people would just go down for a visit!), the "wages of war," and a survey on driving and drinking.
2. Anagnoson brought up the problem of getting hardware and software to perform according to what we think it ought to do arid suggested that perhaps it might be interesting for the SSRIC to attempt to issue a short report setting forth what the future of social science computing ought to look like as far as centralized resources, campus resources, etc. A step in this direction might be to survey those who do quantitative analysis and find out their uses, concerns, etc.

m/s/p for Anagnoson to develop this sort of questionnaire and to attempt to have a draft report for the Fall meeting. Goals for cmputer literacy for faculty and students were also suggested as topics. Ebeling, DeLeon and J. Johnson volunteered to help.

1. **m/s/p to thank Gene Turner** for his excellent service as chair of the council for the 1988­1989 academic year.

m/s/p to adjourn at 2:15 p.m.

*Copies of the pictures taken of those SSRIC members who danced with the dancer*

*Thursday night will be sent to campus Presidents, VP/Provosts and appropriate Deans one week after these minutes are received.*

J. T. Anagnoson
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