MINUTES

Social Science Research and Instructional Council

Winter Meeting

February 11-12, 1982

San Francisco State University

1. Minutes of the October, 1981 meeting were approved.

2. **Spring Research Conference**

* Richard Palmer, Dominguez Hills is coordinating the conference
* posters were distributed. Contact Palmer for additional copies.
* notify Palmer by April 13 of participants and paper titles/topics
* Palmer will select panel conveners.
* the student research conference will be scheduled for Thursday, May 6.
* the SSRIC business. meeting will be Friday, May 7.
* Palmer will notify SSRIC representatives about overnight accommodations for students

3. BICC - - John Korey reported on the Business Instructional Computing Council meeting he attended Nov. 4th

* no coffee –only half of the campuses in attendance. Two meetings per year. Discussion centered on contract problems re COMPUSTAT and access to CRISP (stock market) data. Good micro-computer lab at San Bernardino. BICC members not aware of SSRIC.
* it was suggested that SSRIC/BICC mailing lists should be exchanged and that council chairs should coordinate activities of common interest. Association of Biologists for computing (ABC) will be included. Suggestion will be implemented by Penny Crane/ISG.
* A joint SSRIC/BICC meeting was suggested.
* M/S/P that the local campus SSRIC representative be contacted whenever/wherever a BICC meeting is scheduled. That person should attend and report back to SSRIC. Penny Crane/ISG will implement/coordinate this.

4. Penny Crane suggested we see new software package IFPS -Interactive Financial Planning System (Documentation at local computer center).

Also SPSSCAI (SPSS Computer Assisted Instruction) is up on Central CYBER and will soon be on local CYBERs

5. Field Institute

* Mark DiCamillo – Peter Sherrill of Field Institute were welcomed
* John Korey reported:
* only one question proposal received this year (i.e., ethnicity heritage). This n been included in Upcoming Field Polls- need to promote questions more.
* a discussion ensued about SSRIC desire for prior information and review of upcoming Field Polls in order to suggest ways to improve utility of data for academic research (e.g., comparison of questions/variables between FI and NORC surveys).-
* Sherrill expressed reservations about over-formalization and "gratuitous" input--but agreed with basic intent
* Paul Strand wiI1 follow-up on this point FI agreed to keep him informed of what is going and what is coming up,
* MS/P that SSRIC create a central data base of social science researchers and topic areas within the CSU system. SSRIC reps were asked tp begin compiling this list for their own campuses. It was suggested that this list be placed as a file in the Central CYBER account
* FI Internship - two applications – one selected but declined. Other person will be contacted.
* Paul Strand elected Fl subcommittee chair (replacing Korey) Ed Nelson appointed as northern rep Richard Palmer appointed as southern rep.

6. ICPSR Summer Workshop

Ed Nelson reported—see flier previously sent out

* expect applications from ICPSR late February or early March.
* return applications to Nelson by April 15.
* Faculty can be-awarded up to $750/ each   
  7. CSU Workshops
* Tom West, not in attendance, but relayed support for the basis idea -previous 78-79 proposal needs-working
* M/S/P that SSRIC pursue this project and a revised proposal be submitted to West.
* Conditions: no under finance, nothing fishy,
* Working group appointed - Ebeling, Nelson, Haston, Shaffer, (Ross also volunteered) Ebeling will implement/coordinate

8. SSRIC Account

Larry Giventer reported.

The SSRIC account on Central Cyber (aka CYBER 170/730-760, SUDC) is 7ETPSSR, SSRIC. The old account on the CYBER 174 is 7522SSR, SSRIC

9. Class I and II ICPSR Databases

Terry Dunn reported advantages and disadvantages of receiving raw data files as OSIRIS files with OSIRIS dictionaries. (see previous letter Hightower to SSRIC 1/22/82)

M/S/P Receive all future Class I and II ICPSR databases as OSIRIS riles and load all data sets with less than 800 variables as SPSS save files.

I0. ISG

Penny Crane reported that CENSPAC is coming on the CYBER

Two census *data* bases are up--a lot more will dribble in.

It was suggested that a Bureau of Census information services specialist be invited to the SSRIC meeting next fall

11. Coming Software

Multi-demensonal scaling ALSCAL

Linear structural Relations (path analysis) LISREL

12. SUDCDB

Requested data base conversions completed:

It was suggested that a SUDCDB subject index is needed ASAP

Gloria Rummels/ISG will implement

13. M/S/P Thank you to Gene Geisler and Jim Ross for winter meeting arrange-ments and hospitality.