*Social Science Research and Instructional Council   
Winter, 1990 Minutes   
February 22-23, 1990   
CSU, Fullerton*

Attending: Dan Graves (Hayward), Margaret Blue (Dominguez Hills), Richard DeLeon (San Francisco), Ed Nelson (Fresno), Richard Serpe (Fullerton), Barbara Norrander (San Jose), Bruce Haston (Humboldt), Elliot Barkan (San Bernardino), Gene Turner (Northridge), Dick Shaffer (San Luis Obispo), Jim Ross (Bakersfield), John Korey (Pomona), Ted Anagnoson (Los Angeles), Frank Gossette (Long Beach), Penny Crane (CCR), Jeff Johnson (CCR), Terry Dunn (CO).

1. **Announcements**

After the minutes for the last were approved Dan Graves made a number of announcements. We are still attempting to arrange for an Organizational Representative from San Marcos.

The council also welcomed Frank Gossette as the new Organizational Representative from Long Beach.

We will be making an updated mailing list and placing it in a DBase format. Ed Nelson will give Dick Shaffer the lists who will scan them into a PC format and then send them to Jeff Johnson for placement into a DBase format.

Ed Nelson distributed the handouts he uses for the SSIMs Workshops and asked for comments. He will distribute a finalized copy of the materials after he integrates our comments.

Ed Nelson also distributed a copy of a questionnaire designed to determine the interest level in a 1991 Summer Workshop on SPSS. He asked that we make sure that we give him names of all the people who might be interested in the workshop.

1. **ICPSR Reports**

The following SSRIC members attended the Fall, 1989 Dan Graves (Hayward, as Chair), Jeff Johnson (CCR, Invited by ICPSR as a guest presenter), Elliot Barkan (San Bernardino), John Korey (Pomona), Richard Serpe (Fullerton), Jim Ross (Bakersfield).

The new, updated priority list now stands as:

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

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1. Pomona
2. Fullerton
3. Bakersfield
4. San Marcos

Jeff Johnson discussed the changes in the way ICPSR plans to distribute data and codebooks in the future. The biggest changes is the addition of CD-ROM based data and codebooks.

Elliot Barkan reported that the ICPSR is willing to distribute the SSIMs modules and that the authors need to agree upon a format for that distribution. The council also discussed techniques for increasing our influence at ICPSR. One possible solution was to have a core of people who always attended the ICPSR to maintain continuity. Another, complementary solution is to attempt to elect one of our members to the governing board.

ICPSR and ISR will be splitting in the near future, and Council expressed concern over the potential negative effects of such a separation, especially if it caused some of the key ICPSR personnel to resign.

The SSRIC endorsed Richard Serpe's proposal to pursue the establishment of a West Coast ICPSR/CSU Summer Program which would parallel the Ann Arbor Summer Program.

3. CCR Reports

1. Report from Penny Crane

Penny reported that CCR has reorganized. Most of the reorganization simply reflects changes which have happened by default anyway. It is also in response to the new central IBM 4381 being dedicated to Administrative Computing. We now have a real (but smaller) academic computing section which can work on academic computing exclusively.

There is an IBM/CSU/California Department of Education project designed to upgrade K-12 education (and teacher). Part of this will be a donation of small computer labs of PS/2 model 25 computers to schools of education.

The solicitation for ACE proposals is out again. Penny suggested we submit another report on the SSIMs modules to help pave the way for a future proposal.

The budget situation is grim for all areas including computing.

For campuses with DEC machines, DEC now has a specialized program for software distribution which is very advantageous. OR's should contact their Instructional Computing Coordinators to find out about what is available.

If your campus is licensed to use Oracle, it can be used on any machine it will operate on. The computing development at the new San Marcos campus is progressing smoothly.

1. Jeff Johnson

Jeff suggested that the SSRIC attempt to reach out more to other faculty /computing staff and that we invite more outsiders to SSRIC activities. It was M/S/P that it is the responsibility of the OR's to inform the faculty of what we do, to let them know they are welcome to attend, and to let them know they can voice their concerns to the SSRIC either in person or through their OR.

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There was a workshop on Data Sharing held at CSU, Hayward. Jeff has offered to be a "depository" for the data collected by the various CSU campuses on a trial basis.

1. **SSRIC Questionnaire on Social Science faculty computing use.**

Ted Anagnoson has finished the questionnaire on computing and computing needs in the CSU and given it to Jeff Johnson for duplication and mailing.

1. **EDA Workshop**

Rich DeLeon reported on the highly successful Exploratory Data Analysis workshop held this January at CSU, Fullerton. A number of the SSRIC members were also attendees and all agreed it was well organized and well presented. Rich suggested that the Chancellor's Office investigate a site license for Stata. The proposal received a good deal of support from the SSRIC and it was noted that a Stata site license might well benefit other disciplines as well. Stata has a syntax similar to SAS and there is a relatively inexpensive student version available, which could be tailored to the needs of the CSU.

Dick Shaffer also suggested investigating a site license for ShowCase by Cognitive Development. It is software for classroom presentations and has received a good deal of praise from those people who have used it. It also received a good deal of support from the SSRIC. Dick Shaffer noted that if we can work quickly, and the logistics can be worked out, he may have some money to contribute to the license. Information on Show Case may be received by writing Cognitive Development, Suite 141, 12345 Lake City Way, NE, Seattle, WA 98125 or calling 206-363-6905.

Information on Stata and Show Case will be sent to Jeff Johnson.

John Korey circulated a table of contents for a proposed text entitled "Introduction to Stata." He received a number of offers to co-author the text.

**5. Field Institute**

Ed Nelson told us Field is committed to splitting the political questions from the social questions because of the increased length of the interview schedules. He will place some political orientation questions on the general social questions survey, however.

Ed Nelson recommended that Mary McCullen (San Luis Obispo) be awarded the Field Student Internship for Summer, 1990.

Richard Serpe recommended that Elizabeth Nelson be awarded the Field Faculty Fellowship on the changing role of women.

1. **Spring Student Research Conference**

John Korey reported that Sandra Berry from the Rand Corporation's Social Research Group will be the keynote speaker and will talk on a topic related to applied social science research.

There will be three awards for $100 each plus a plaque for the Gloria Rummels Award for the best use of archived data, the Betty Nesvold Award for the Best Graduate Paper, and the Charles MaCall Award for the Best Undergraduate Paper.

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1. **Election**

Ted Anagnoson was unanimously elected as the Chair of the SSRIC for 1990-91.

1. **1990-91 SSRIC Schedule of Meetings**

The schedule for the 1990-91 SSRIC meetings will be as follows:

Fresno October 11-12, 1990

Dominguez Hills February 21-11, 1991

Sacramento May 9-10, 1991 (Contingent upon approval by

Carole Barnes)