CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND INSTRUCTIONAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Present:

Campus Representatives: Ted Anagnoson (Los Angeles), Elliott Barkan (San Bernardino), • Margaret Blue (Dominguez Hills), Rich DeLeon (San Francisco), Jae Emenhiser (Humboldt), Frank Gossette (Long Beach), Dan Graves (Hayward), Peter Haas (San Jose), John Korey (Pomona), Ed Nelson (Fresno), Richard Serpe (Fullerton), Dick Shaffer (San Luis Obispo), Gene Turner (Northridge)

Guests: Don Carder (ICPSR Specialty Center, CSULA), Art Chapman (AMSPEC, Cal Poly SLO), Bob Clover (Academic Computing Services, Cal Poly SLO), Penny Crane (Chancellor's Office, IRT), Pat Curtis (Chancellor's Office, IRT), Marsha Epstein (AMSPEC, Cal Poly SLO), Philip Garcia (Chancellor's Office), Carolyn Geda (ICPSR), Harley Heimovitz (CCIC, Sonoma State), Larry Shinagawa (CCIC, Sonoma State)

1. Minutes of Fall 1991 Meeting.

The surname of the Pomona Representative is spelled "Korey"; the surname of the CSU Chancellor is spelled "Munitz"; The title of Davis's book is City of Quartz.

1. ICPSR biennial ORs meeting.

This meeting was attended by Barnes, Blue, Dixon, Emenhiser, and Nelson. (See ICPSR report below for a discussion of issues that came up at the meeting.)

1. SSIMS.

Barkan reported that the modules have earned an additional $340 profit, for a total to date of about $1,300. There will be a SSIMS workshop at the CSU Institute for Teaching and Learning on Friday, February 28 at the LAX Hyatt. At that same Institute Pat Curtis will conduct a workshop on Netnews.

Those wishing to develop a new SSIMS module should present their proposals to the SSRIC.

1. ICPSR Specialty Center Report.

Carder reported that the system for accessing data is now up, running, and close to complete. Plans for the immediate future are to integrate the different components of the system into an integrated user interface. He described new products and features that the Center is purchasing or developing. (Later in the meeting, Anagnoson explained how search procedures will work on the system.)

The Center's new user liaison is Colin Campbell.

The Policy Advisory Committee has not yet had a formal meeting. It will meet if outstanding issues cannot be dealt with over the phone or via e-mail.

Tentative plans call for provision of training workshops in the Bay area, Sacramento, and the Los Angeles area.

Carder asked if anyone would be interested in helping to develop a canned tutorial for students on use of the system. The Council suggested that such a tutorial could be developed as an on-line SSIMS module.

Nelson noted that it would be useful if certain datasets could be made available to faculty without their having to log on to the Center's system, and made available to faculty on diskette either directly or through campus computing centers. Carder indicated that he would be open to this idea. The Council listed the following datasets as highest priority: the Field Poll, the General Social Survey, and the American National Election Study.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of a systemwide license for the on-line Social Science Citation Index, and about recent developments in on-line information systems, especially LEXIS/NEXIS.

5. IRT Report.

Crane announced that subscription renewal notices for the specialty centers will be sent out in early March.

Curtis explained that the "reflection" (distribution) list for the Council on e-mail is "[ssric@calstate.edu](mailto:ssric@calstate.edu)"; to update information on this list, the address is "ssric-request@calstate.eclu".

Hightower reported that there is a new systemwide entity, the Commission on

Learning Resources and Instructional Technology. Its purview includes media, computing, communication, library resources, and distance learning.

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1. Betty Nesvold Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Those wishing to contribute to the fund should send their checks, made out to the CSUSB Foundation, to Barkan. M/S/P to match contributions, up to a maximum of $100, from the Council's discretionary fund.

1. IBM Academic Mainframe Specialty Center (AMSPEC).   
   Chapman explained AMSPEC's operations.
2. 1992-3 Meetings.

Fall: Northridge (Oct. 15, 16).

Winter: San Bernardino or Dominguez Hills (Feb. 18, 19 unless date is moved to coincide with ICPSR Council meeting, discussed below).

Spring: Sacramento (May 6, 7).

1. Council Chair, 1992-3.

By acclamation, Serpe was elected Council Chair for 1992-3.

1. Student Research Conference.

Announcements will be sent out next week. Titles and abstracts are due to Gossette by April 15. To be considered for an award, papers must be submitted in triplicate to Gossette by May 1. The Award Committee will consist of Anagnoson, Blue, Korey, and Serpe.

1. CCIC Report.

Shinagawa reported that the automated file request system is largely operational.

The Department of Finance has named CCIC a regional data census center, providing us with access to a variety of California data. CCIC has also been named a national service information center by the Bureau of the Census. CCIC will work with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to develop statistical profiles of each county in California.

Future plans include an experimental effort to implement a system that will allow access to census data on CD-ROM from throughout the CSU via a Novell network.

Workshops on use of the CCIC will be held on March 2 at the Chancellor's Office and on March 13 at Humboldt.

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