**SSRIC Winter Meeting
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**Present:**

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Bob Roberts Jim Ross Richard Serpe Richard Taketa Gene Turner Chuck Wilmot Don Carder

Dominguez Hills

C.O.

Humboldt

Long Beach

Hayward

Pomona

Fresno

San Marcos

Bakersfield

Fullerton

San Jose

Northridge

C.O.

Los Angeles

Michelle Perlman (Fullerton). **A. Announcements:**

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1. Don Carder reminded the Council that the SSDBA will fund travel to 1, SSRIC meeting per year for each of the members. Members should contact Nancy Kudo-Hombo at CSU, LA for more information and for reimbursement.
2. Chuck Wilmot brought along several atlases of political districts in California. Members wishing copies were told to contact him if they wished copies.
3. **Minutes**

MSP to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

1. **SSDBA (Don Carder)**
2. From now on databases will be put up as SPSS system files. About 1 year will be needed to finish processing existing data. Currently the SSDBA holds about 13% of the ICPSR data files. There is no plan to acquire all ICPSR files, but the SSDBA will respond to individual requests.
3. There is a plan underway to establish a bulletin board on the CSU,LA computer. This will include electronic conferencing, e-mail, Boolean search of data, and threading.
4. Client-server software is being evaluated which will allow DOS or Windows applications to be run locally with the Sun. A network card is recommended for this software. The local software will likely have to be purchased, but Don said he would try to see if a binary version may be provided without cost.
5. Census data is gradually being made available with 1990 STF1 and STF3 now available for California. PUMS has not arrived yet. Efforts continue to make CSU,LA a census center. However, the Census Bureau has not been able to schedule a required visit to CSU,LA. If the data center can be established, all digital data can be placed there without charge. In the meantime, desired data is being acquired through UC, Berkeley.

Don Carder said it is his wish to not provide census data to schools which are not subscribing to the census data center after this year. The exception would be for census data acquired from the ICPSR.

ArcView may be used in the future on the system as a tool for viewing data on maps.

1. SSDBA-ICPSR Membership. Don said that after this year he does not want to provide data to non subscribing campuses. Currently Fullerton, Pomona, San Bernardino, San Diego, and San Marcos do not subscribe to the SSDBA. These campuses have directed the redistributed funds to other purposes. He said that he had agreed to provide data to non subscribing campuses during the 2-year trial period of the SSDBA, but now that is over. Furthermore he requested the comments of the SSRIC about how to deal with the ICPSR data since that information is paid for separately by the CSU. Don noted it was more costly to copy an existing ICPSR tape for a campus than to provide access to the SSDBA over the network.

Richard Serpe asked for some recommendations for Don Carder and said that he also would write a letter to Barry Munitz, Tom West, and the campus presidents expressing the concerns of the SSRIC. Penny Crane suggested that the Academic Information Resources Council be notified as well.

Ed Nelson noted that the SSRIC previously had taken the position that all campuses should have access to the ICPSR data and that this should continue.

To those campuses hoping to obtain additional money by not supporting the ICPSR costs, Chuck Wilmot pointed out that the approximately $50,000 per year cost is paid directly by the CSU and the individual campuses do not receive the funds reflecting their individual contributions. The ICPSR data is housed at CSU,LA for the CSU and the individual campuses will have to pay the cost of obtaining it whether through the SSDBA or some other means.

Several possible charge mechanisms were suggested for non-subscribing campuses:

1. An interim fee for providing service
2. A fee for an exact copy of a tape as provided by ICPSR
3. Establishing an account for a school which could be charged against similar to a number of library services

Don Carder said he would work out some numbers and get some feedback. Richard Serpe said he would draft a letter to Munitz et al. expressing the concerns of the SSRIC and put it on e-mail for comments from the Council.

**D. Guests**

Margaret Blue introduced Marion Smith, the Instructional Computing Coordinator for CSU,DH and Bob Detweiler, President of CSU, DH. President Detweiler suggested that everyone not start folding their tents because of the budget situation. He estimated 93-94 would be a terrible year, but probably would be the low point. Therefore long-term, negative decisions should be avoided. He said he wouldn't be surprised if student fees doubled again. Furthermore, t the CSU share of the State budget has dropped over the last few years. Hopefully that erosion could be stopped or reversed.

**E. Nominations to ICPSR Council**

Ted Anagnoson suggested to Richard Serpe that the SSRIC should nominate someone to the national council. Ted Anagnoson, Ed Nelson, Carole Barnes, and Richard DeLeon were suggested as nominees. The above group will decide on a candidate. Richard Serpe suggested that the candidate submit a resume and that the SSRIC generate a letter of support.

**F. Student Polling**

Margaret Blue introduced Herman Lother, a sociologist from CSU, DH. Dr. Lother announced a career day in statistics being held at Dominguez Hills on Saturday, Mar. 13, from 10 to 3. He also announced a program in which students in his classes conduct regular opinion polls of classes at CSU, DH. These cover such topics as student satisfaction with their education, ethnic diversity, and GPA and off campus work. He encouraged others in the CSU to join in and suggested that polls might be carried out at several campuses. Several SSRIC members commended Professor Lother on this program and encouraged him to have the students present the results of their research at the SSRIC Spring Meeting.

**G. Field Announcements (Ed Nelson)**

1. The Field Workshop was moved to Friday, April 2, 1993.
2. The 1993 Field Survey dates are in February, May, August, and November.
3. A concern expressed at the last meeting about which year a set of faculty questions for the Field Poll would be charged was resolved. The questions will be charged against the 91-92 year not this year. Ed said he had received no applications for question credits, faculty interns or student interns this year. He passed out new announcements with an April 1st deadline.
4. Lists of research-oriented faculty were distributed which members were asked to update.

**H. CSU Report (Penny Crane)**

1. Penny Crane reviewed the structure of CSU advisory committees noting that many questions are passed to systemwide committees. The Academic Resources Information Committee has representatives from all campuses and all 10 discipline councils. Two important subcommittees were noted.

The Consortia and Specialty Center Subcommittee would probably receive questions about databases. One possible topic is the disposal of the $236,000 meant for the old CYBER. This had been used as seed money for the specialty centers. However, in the future where should these funds go? It would be nice if these were held centrally to continue support of the centers. Some on the committee think the funds should go to the campuses.

The Electronic Access Resource Committee is a subcommittee of library directors. They decide which resources the libraries will go after. Some librarians have been upset by the dispersal of on-line information access to deans, etc.

1. The Chancellor's Office has a pilot project with USC to put the Chronicle of Higher Education on-line. This will include a search engine. 1 password will be allocated to each campus.
2. In one month letters will be going out for subscriptions to specialty centers.
3. SPSS and SAS licenses will not be bought centrally since individual campuses can get the same rate as the CSU. The Windows version of SPSS will be distributed by CSU, LA.

**I. SSRIC Spring Conference**

1. There will be no Gloria Rummels award this year since there is no CSU data center. It was suggested that maybe Don Carder might want to pick up this award for the best use of digital data.
2. Announcements of the Conference were distributed. The deadline for abstracts is April 1st. Three copies of the paper are to be submitted later. Posters will be distributed soon by Carole Barnes. It was noted that there was no mention of the campus contact on the announcements and this should be added. Also, student papers should be of journal length and not thesis length. Possible speakers were requested. Mentioned were Jim Wylie of Berkeley Research Center and legislators who were CSU alums.

**J. New SSRIC Chair**

Carole Barnes was suggested as a nominee. However, since she was not present, Richard Serpe said he would call her to see if she would accept. Otherwise this decision will be put off until the Spring meeting.

**K. Next Year's Meetings**

Fall - Oct. 14-15, 1993 at Fresno

Winter - Feb. 17-18, 1994 at San Jose

Spring - Apr. 28-29, 1994 at Dominguez Hills

**L. Other**

1. There was discussion of who had the list of eligible persons for the October meeting of the ICPSR in Michigan. Dick Shaffer used to have a list. This will be resolved at the Spring meeting.
2. There historically has been about $2800 to cover costs of attending the summer ICPSR workshops. Announcements should be forthcoming.
3. SSIMS. Ed Nelson is revising his module. Jim Ross will have new questions for the module created by Bruce Haston. Jim would like to run this survey again.
4. There was some discussion of schools who have not been participating in the SSRIC for a period of time and how this situation could be improved.