2015-05-08: Spring 2015

Minutes, SSRIC Spring Meeting

Friday, May 8, 2015, 9 am  
California State University, Sacramento

**Attending in person:** Greg Bohr (San Luis Obispo), Stafford Cox (Long Beach), Marcela Garcia-Castanon (San Francisco) Matt Jarvis (Fullerton), John Korey (at large; non-voting), Tim Kubal (Fresno), Jennifer Murphy (Sacramento), Francis Neely (San Francisco), Rich Taketa (San Jose), Lori Weber (Chico) and Meredith Williams (Humboldt).

**Attending via Collaborate Online:** Rhonda Dugan (Bakersfield), Gilbert Garcia (Los Angeles), Ed Nelson (at large; non-voting), Ginger Shoulders (San Diego State)

**Guests:** Gene Geisler (San Francisco), Ellen Berg (Sacramento)

**Quorum:** 12 campus representatives in attendance.

**Note:** Recorded votes are *italicized*; action items are in **boldface**.

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m.

1. *Approval of Winter 2014 Minutes (February 7, 2014): M/S/P*
2. *Approval of agenda with the addition of time certain – Gene Geisler: M/S/P*
3. **Social Science Student Symposium (S4)** (Thursday, May 7, 2015)
   1. **Host campus organization (Jennifer Murphy)**

Jennifer thanked those who recruited students for the symposium held at Sacramento State University. She also thanked those who served as program moderators as S4 ran smoothly throughout the day. There were 72 presentations scheduled for the 40th Annual CSU Social Science Student Symposium with 66 students from 16 campuses. The final tally included 50 papers and 22 abstract presentations. There were about 10 cancellations.

Mac Taylor, California's Legislative Analyst, was the keynote speaker. Honored guests included Gene Geisler, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, San Francisco State, and Don Gerth, President Emeritus, Sacramento State.

Winners at the Social Science Student Symposium:

Charles McCall Award for Best Undergraduate Paper: Mikaela Vournas, Anthropology and Geography, Cal Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo for “Mapping Motivations: Nutrition in Transition in Fiji”

Betty Nesvold Award for Best Graduate Paper: Aaron L. Jackson, History, CSU, Sacramento, “Why They Endured: Trench Journalism as a Reflection of the Soldierly Community in World War One”

Gloria Rummels Award for Best Paper Using Quantitative Data: Simone Radliff, Political Science, San Francisco State University for “Education for Political Empowerment: The Effect of Collective-Efficacy Developing Curriculum and Experiences in High School Civics Courses on Political Engagement”

**Discussion:** Planning and implementing the student symposium required considerable support from the host campus. Sac State received support from Orn Bodvarsson, Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies as well as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Frederika (Fraka) Harmsen.

Other campus experiences were shared. San Francisco had space issues (38th Student Conference) and had to pay for rooms and also pay for the lunch. Fullerton (39th Student Conference) reserved rooms early and in close proximity to each other, working closely with the Associated Students Inc. (ASI). Pomona (35th Student Conference) partnered with its campus Political Science club to host the conference. The cost of running the conference has historically been shared - by the SSRIC budget and the host campus. General consensus was to book the rooms as early as possible.

Offering the symposium on a Saturday was raised as a possibility, but it was suggested that audience participation would drop as there would be fewer students on campus. Some professors encourage their students to attend for class credit, although this requires the registration desk to manage additional sign-ins.

The issue of how best to distribute the student tax form was raised. The registration desk was used to pass out the form. The issue was that, while not all participates were receiving an award, several received the tax form, leading to the misconception that an award would be provided.

* 1. **Awards Committee (Francis Neely)**

The committee consisted of seven (7) reviewers. They included: Greg Bohr, San Luis Obispo, Geography, Rhonda Dugan, Bakersfield, Sociology, Gilbert Garcia, Los Angeles, Technology, Kimmy Kee-Rose, Channel Islands, Psychology, John Korey, Pomona (emeritus), Political Science, Tim Kubal, Fresno, Sociology, Regan Maas, Northridge, Geography.

The submission deadline was April 10th.

The reviewers were divided into three subcommittees: Undergraduate, Graduate and Quantitative. Each reviewer was instructed to nominate the best papers (top 4 for Undergraduate and Graduate; top 3 for Quantitative) by April 23rd. There were 5 undergraduate, 7 graduate, and 8 quantitative papers nominated. The committee members were then instructed to review the papers and provide a full ranking by April 30th. The members met online on May 1st and finalized the choices – three winners and two ranked backups for each award.

**Discussion:**

Francis recommended improving the review process in order to drop redundancy and to increase the number of reviewers making first-cut choices. This would occur in two phases. His suggestion was to divide the reviewers into two: undergraduate papers and graduate papers. In phase one, each reviewer would make two judgments: (a) nominate at a minimum the top 3 papers for either the best undergraduate or graduate paper or (b) the same for the best use of quantitative data. A reviewer may nominate a single paper for both awards. In phase two, the reviewers would read and rank all of the nominated papers in each of the three categories. The chair would compile the results and lead an online discussion in selecting the top three papers per award.

**Francis agreed to submit his protocol to the SSRIC Executive Committee at a later date.**

*It was moved to accept Francis’ recommendation, at the discretion of future S4 Awards Committee Chairs, to split the award committee into 2 subcommittees to more expeditiously review and rank papers. M/S/P*

Francis also raised the issue of award winning no-shows as well as the probability that a student could win two of the three awards.

To prevent this from happening, Francis recommended that future S4 Awards Committee Chairs use the following procedure (Extracted from Francis’ protocol document.)

1. If, after the Committee chooses the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place papers in each award category, no paper is listed twice, then no additional decisions are needed.
2. If one paper is the winner in two categories, then the Chair will help the Committee decide which award that paper will win. Once that is decided, the paper will be omitted from the other award list, the 2nd and 3rd place papers will become 1st and 2nd place, and a paper will be chosen from the remaining papers as a new 3rd place paper. Some considerations in choosing which award to give when a single paper wins two categories will include:
   1. Is the paper more exemplary as an overall composition or more exemplary in its use of quantitative data? (The Committee may wish to give the award based on what the paper does best.)
   2. Is the paper very similar in quality to the 2nd place paper in one category and a stand-alone winner in the other? (In this case, the Committee may wish to give the paper the latter award.)
   3. Is the median value of the rankings of this paper considerably higher in one award category than in the other? (The Committee may wish to give the award in the category on which the paper got higher scores.)
3. If a paper is listed in two award categories, and as winner in only one, then it will be omitted from the list in the category it did not win; the other papers will be advanced, and a new 3rd place paper will be identified.
4. If a paper is listed in two categories, and winner in neither, then a fourth-place paper will be chosen in each of those two categories. This is to accommodate a scenario where the author(s) placed above this paper do not show up to present and the result is the paper that is listed in two categories takes either one or two 1st place spots. If it takes one 1st place spot, then it will be omitted from the other list; the other papers advanced, and the 4th place paper advanced to 3rd place. If the paper listed in two categories takes two 1st place spots then it will be chosen as the winner in one category, based on the three criteria listed above and other considerations, and omitted from the other category. (Because in the middle of the conference it would be impractical to convene the Committee, the Awards Committee Chair in consultation with the S4 Host SSRIC representative will make that decision.) In that omitted category,   
   the other papers will be advanced to fill the vacant spots. We will need 4th place papers identified to ensure three potential winners in each category under such a scenario.

*It was moved that a paper cannot win more than one symposium award. M/S/P*

*It was further moved that the S4 Awards Committee will decide in which category a paper will be placed using the four (4) step protocol as presented by Francis. M/S/P*

1. **Time Certain**
   1. **9:30 am SAGE Research Methods Online (Ellen Berg, Sac State)**

Ellen Berg introduced SAGE Research Methods Online. Campuses can subscribe to this online research site. There was and maybe a future trial period to login and browse the online features.

Extracted from Rebecca McKay at http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3543131/  
“Sage Research Methods Online (SRMO) is an online search tool that provides information and instruction on research methods in the health and social sciences. It is aimed at university students, researchers, and faculty and is designed to answer methods questions that arise during the various steps of the research process, including the literature search, review, research design, data collection, analysis, and write up. The resource gathers together 6 dictionaries, 5 encyclopedias, 148 journal articles, 26 videos, and 632 books (including the 164 Little Green Books and 48 Little Blue Books, the only way to access these popular quantitative and qualitative research methods series in electronic form).”

* 1. **11:12 am Gene Geisler (San Francisco State, Professor Emeritus) - Honors (Social Science Research) Curriculum Development proposal**

Gene presented his idea of creating a “Social Scientist” program. It would be housed in an undergraduate honors program focusing on social science research methods. Prerequisites for admission would include calculus, geometry/trigonometry. SSRIC representatives would champion this proposal by identifying a single, volunteer campus that would build upon Gene’s proposal.

Recommendation: To form a committee to receive, review, and report back on Dr. Geisler’s proposal.

*It was moved that the SSRIC Executive Committee review and report back on Gene’s proposal.* M/S/P

**Gene agreed to submit his proposal to the SSRIC Chair.** Below are selected comments from Gene’s email, dated May 23, 2015.

“It is a broad curriculum development proposal which may offer the opportunity for faculty refreshment in significant aspects of the proposal: 1: The mathematical component and 2: The development of a truly interdisciplinary aspects of the social sciences such as the intersection of their various definitions/assumptions of human behavior as seen in economics (Smith's assumption of the rational man) sociology's perspective of societal influences upon individual identity and role behavior to the common questions raised in exploration of their political behavior. (Psychology and Political Philosophy are integral to such an approach to the Social Sciences - not to forget the growing importance of Anthropology's contribution to understanding ancient to modern man.”

“The National Science Foundation (NSF) has traditionally funded proposals for science teaching improvement. This proposal is partially intended to stimulate such a proposal to fund the expense of SSRIC's role in developing this curriculum (as a de facto curriculum committee concerned with course content while sidestepping the normal "turf" defenses related to FTE generation and allocation.”

“This proposal is basically an agenda for discussion, consensus and possibly implementation in the foreseeable future.”

1. **Executive Committee and other committees – 2015-2016**
   * 1. Incoming Chair – Stafford Cox – will submit his committee members for approval at the Fall meeting.
     2. Other committees will be discussed at the Fall meeting
     3. Faculty Announcements
        1. Rich Taketa (San Jose), has retired
        2. Francis Neely (San Francisco) will be on sabbatical for Spring 2016
        3. Ellen Berg (Sacramento) will serve as representative for Fall 2015 and Aya Ida will be the representative for Spring 2016
2. **Business Meeting and S4 Conference Schedule – 2015-2016**
   * 1. Fall Meeting - San Francisco State hosts - Oct 9, 2015
     2. Winter Meeting – Online - February 5, 2016.
     3. Spring Meeting and S4 – tentatively San Diego State – May 5-6, 2016

**Discussion:**

Southern locations for the 41st Annual 2016 Social Science Student Symposium were proposed. Pomona, Northridge, Dominguez Hills, Bakersfield, San Diego, Channel Islands and Fresno campuses were raised as possibilities. Ginger Shoulders (San Diego State) tentatively agreed to host S4 at her campus. Previous sites have included: Long Beach (2008), Pomona (2010), Los Angeles (2012), and Fullerton (2014). It was suggested that the basic configuration for the symposium would begin with three (3) sessions and six (6) panels/rooms with a lunch and award ceremony.

1. **Budget for 2015-2016**
   1. **Representatives Travel Expenses**

Reviewing the prior budget, the S4 expenses were about $1,500, leaving a balance of about $2,000.

*It was moved that the remaining balance of the conference line item be used to pay for the travel expenses of those in attendance at the Sac State S4. Friendly amendments included that after paying for the S4 participants’ travel expenses, we would (1) roll the funds over as undesignated; (2) moving the funds to the 2016 Conference line item; (3) apply the funds for workshop travel such as the ICPSR workshops at Berkeley and/or Michigan. M/S/P*

* 1. **Line Items and 5% Overall Increase**

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| **Social Science Research and Instructional Council Budget** | | | | |
| **Line Items** | |  |  |  |
|  |  | **2014-15** | **2015-16** | **% increase** |
| **Data Subscriptions** | | | | |
|  | ICPSR | $118,440 | $118,440 | 0.00% |
|  | Field | $64,000 | $64,000 | 0.00% |
|  | Roper | $22,100 | $22,500 | 1.81% |
|  | Subtotal | $204,540 | $204,940 | 0.20% |
| **Web & Access Services** | | | | |
|  | Berkeley | $1,500 | $1,500 | 0.00% |
|  | SFSU | $2,000 | $2,000 | 0.00% |
|  | Subtotal | $3,500 | $3,500 | 0.00% |
| **Travel** | | | | |
|  | Travel - Chair | $1,000 | $1,000 | 0.00% |
|  | Travel -- other reps (meetings, workshops, and fees) | $1,500 | $11,808 | 687.20% |
|  | Subtotal | $2,500 | $12,808 | 412.32% |
| **Teleconferencing** | | | | |
|  | Conference calls | $0 | $0 | 0.00% |
| **Student Symposium** | | | | |
|  | Conference & Meeting Expenses | $3,500 | $3,500 | 0.00% |
| **Program Initiatives** | | | | |
|  | TR Fellowships | $0 | $0 | 0.00% |
|  | SDA | $0 | $0 | 0.00% |
|  | SSRIC Newsletter | $0 | $0 | 0.00% |
|  | Student Research Journal | $0 | $0 | 0.00% |
|  | National Study of the Changing Workforce | $0 | $0 | 0.00% |
|  | Subtotal | $0 | $0 | 0.00% |
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| **Total** | | **$214,040** | **$224,748** | **5.00%** |

The Chancellor's Office agrees to fund the shortfall in revenue between revenue from campus dues and budgeted expenditures. The SSRIC agrees to continue its efforts to maximize campus subscription revenues. The maximum possible revenue from dues for 2015-16 is $224,748 (rates continue to increase by 5% in 2015-2016 and all campuses subscribe except Maritime).

ICPSR ($118,440) and Field ($64,000) subscriptions remain the same from the previous year 2014-2015. Roper ($22,500) increased by $400. The three (3) subscriptions represent 91% of the SSRIC fees. The Web and Access Service ($3,500) and Student Conference ($3,500) line items remain the same.   
The Travel line item increases from $2,500 to $12,808 for 2015-2016. The travel funds will encourage and support representative travel (from north to south and vice versa) to one or the other SSRIC business meetings (third meeting is online only). This is the second year where the 22 campuses are positioned to totally fund the SSRIC activities and subscriptions.

The campus subscription costs are shown below.

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| **Campus** | **2014-15** | **2015-16** |
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| Bakersfield | $7,856 | $8,248 |
| Channel Islands | $4,343 | $4,561 |
| Chico | $10,472 | $10,995 |
| Dominguez Hills | $7,856 | $8,248 |
| East Bay | $7,856 | $8,248 |
| Fresno | $10,472 | $10,995 |
| Fullerton | $13,381 | $14,050 |
| Humboldt | $7,856 | $8,248 |
| Long Beach | $13,381 | $14,050 |
| Los Angeles | $10,472 | $10,995 |
| Maritime Academy | $0 | $0 |
| Monterey Bay | $4,343 | $4,561 |
| Northridge | $13,381 | $14,050 |
| Pomona | $10,472 | $10,995 |
| Sacramento | $13,381 | $14,050 |
| San Bernardino | $7,856 | $8,248 |
| San Diego | $13,381 | $14,050 |
| San Francisco | $13,381 | $14,050 |
| San Jose | $13,381 | $14,050 |
| San Luis Obispo | $10,472 | $10,995 |
| San Marcos | $4,343 | $4,561 |
| Sonoma | $7,856 | $8,248 |
| Stanislaus | $7,856 | $8,248 |
| **TOTAL** | $214,046 | $224,748 |
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*It was moved to approve the SSRIC budget for 2015-2016 with the 5% increase. M/S/P*

1. **Subscription Renewal Contacts, Matt Jarvis (Fullerton)**

Matt Jarvis described how the subscription renewal contacts vary by campus. Recommends sending one email per campus where the email is addressed to the primary contact and copied to the secondary staff members. Matt offered to assist Stafford in requesting the names of renewal contacts.

1. **ICPSR Summer Program, Greg Bohr (San Luis Obispo)**

Greg opens the discussion on the ICPSR Summer Program. ICPSR no longer provides two faculty fee waivers. ICPSR offers a substantial discount on registration fees (half the fee rate) for current students, faculty, staff, and researchers at ICPSR member institutions. The student scholarship application deadline was April 30.

For details see [www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/content/sumprog/scholarships](http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/content/sumprog/scholarships)

How many faculty and/or students went to the Fall ICPSR OR 2014 meeting? Greg will submit his report at the Fall meeting.

1. **OR Meeting Priority List**

John will update the ICPSR OR list for 2016. The current priority list for the 2015 ICPSR OR meeting is:

1. San Jose
2. San Bernardino
3. Bakersfield
4. San Francisco
5. Los Angeles
6. San Luis Obispo
7. Sacramento
8. Northridge
9. East Bay
10. Stanislaus
11. Monterey Bay
12. San Marcos
13. Dominguez Hills
14. Long Beach
15. Channel Islands
16. Humboldt
17. San Diego
18. Sonoma
19. Chico
20. Pomona
21. Fresno
22. Fullerton
23. **Field Committee Report**
    1. **Faculty Fellow**

Ed reported that there were four proposals submitted by the April 15, 2015 deadline. The Field Committee recommends two for SSRIC review.

Recommendation #1: “Attitude towards Immigration Survey Experiment” - Four subsample Format with three labor-market hypotheses.

Recommendation #2: “Backup Legislative Strategies for Voter Turnout”

**Discussion:**

If the Field sample ranges from 400 to 1,000, Mark will need to be contacted at Field to determine the feasibility of forwarding Recommendation #1. If the sampling is feasibility, Ed will forward Recommendation #1 for inclusion. **Ed will prepare a “Selection Protocol” for the Fall Meeting.**

*Motion: To contact Mark about the samples. M/S/P*

* 1. **SDA Update**

We deferred the report for the Fall Meeting.

1. **Workshops for next year**

Representatives should contact Ed for the schedule and availability of workshops. The discussion included SSRIC offering online workshops. This approach was discussed in detail at the winter meeting See Minutes (Winter 2015, February 13, 2015) at <http://www.ssric.org/files/Minutes_Winter_2015.docx>.

1. **Big Blue Button Demo (Tim)**

Tim comments on the use of a YouTube Channel for workshop training programs. Also, he mentioned the necessity of creating an SSRIC Google account to setup the YouTube Channel.

Ginger will continue her support for the SSRIC website and ADA compliance. See Minutes (Winter 2015, February 13, 2015) at <http://www.ssric.org/files/Minutes_Winter_2015.docx>.

1. **Updating SSRIC Roster**

John will update the roster for 2015-2016.

1. **Updating ICPSR and Roper List of Representatives**

The CSU-ICPSR list is maintained by Linda Detterman. Stafford will contact Linda. Concerning the Roper list of representatives, Ed will make the contact and update the Roper list. Both will submit reports at the Fall meeting.

1. **Annual Report (Matt) and Annual Utilization Report (Stafford) Include Ed’s interim SDA Report**

Matt will submit his annual report at the Fall Meeting. Likewise, the annual utilization report will be presented at the Fall Meeting.