MINUTES OF THE FALL MEETING

OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

AND INSTRUCTIONAL COUNCIL

AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO

October 28/ 29, 1993

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Ebeling, CSU, Chico; Gene Turner, CSU, Northridge; Richard Taketa, CSU, San Jose; David Tabb, CSU, San Francisco; Doug Coe, CSU, San Diego; John Korey, CSU, Pomona; Don Carder, CSU, LA, SSDBA; Ed Nelson, CSU, Fresno; Jim Ross, CSU, Bakersfield; Penny Crane, Chancellor's Office; Nan Chico, CSU, Hayward; Rae Newton, CSU, Fullerton; Richard Serpe, CSU, San Marcos; Don Dixon, CSU, Sonoma; Jay Emenhiser, CSU, Humboldt; Margaret Blue, CSU, Dominguez Hills

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Letter to Rich Deleon, former OR from San Francisco regarding his new book
2. Stata Workshop

July 7-8 for those beginning to use the package

July 9 -13 for all users

August 4-8 Intermediate/advanced workshop

All of these will be taught at the CSU, San Francisco campus. These workshops are being funded by NSF; all but travel is covered; "balance is necessary."

1. from Chair Nelson, "please update the mailing list of research oriented faculty at your campus"
2. Request for names to add for the list of friends and associates of the council, This list will be available to use on the Chancellor's computer
3. Don Carder announced he would examine a STATA license for the system.

5. Gene Turner talked about the ways to increase social science data use; He suggested ideas from the ICPSR biennial meeting experience. He was supportive of using CIESIN which is available through the following telnet [catalog.ciesin.org](http://catalog.ciesin.org) [THE READER IS WARNED: DO NOT RELY ON THAT LOG IN PROCEDURE; CALL GENE TURNER FIRST]

Phone numbers at Ann Arbor:

1. (313) 741-4660
2. (313) 663-6622 fax

3. (517) 797-2727 user services

This is a data base system developed and supported by National Center

for Supercomputing Applications NCSCA

6. Proposal from Ed Nelson for summer workshop entitled: "Social Sciences

Instructional Computing Workshop"

1. a five day workshop
2. everything but travel is covered
3. to be held June 20th through June 24th
4. there will be two tracks
5. there are 40 slots expected
6. the proposal is worth $23,000
7. it is similar in design to the SLO workshop
8. the focus will be on SPSS and applications in the classroom
9. Nelson asked if there were any interested in participating the workshop as instructors
10. five instructors are need for the workshop and it was agreed that those

who wrote the proposal will agree on who to hire

7 This was a brief overview of Turner's observation at the ICPSR conference regarding the use of data in the social sciences and it turned into a several points of view:

A.. one view is:

1. lack of money
2. .disaggregation of computing resources with the PC's now so popular
3. the role of the OR and the range of data was discussed
4. ease of accessibility was discussed

f. there are significant problems on the technical side of computing and hence some faculty bail out and seek other ways to present this type of information

1. Gene proposed a traveling workshop to campuses as a means of stimulating the faculty to use the data

a. there is an RFP coming out and this might be a proposal from SSRIC; this rfp will be coming out in the 94/95 cycle and the following people were put into an ad-hoc group to develop an approach:

1. Ed Nelson, John Korey, Margaret Blue, Jim Ross, Don Dixon

1. one thought is to merge these types of data oriented courses with GED required courses such as one that does the development of critical thinking

8. Report from Ed Nelson on AIRC--sorry but I can't figure out what this consisted of. There is an RFP coming out that will be due between February and April, 1994, but I can't tell you what it is about.

9. Field Committee report

There seems to be some differences between ssric and Field regarding what the number of questions is for the 93/94 period. Field takes the position that the three questions in Jay Emenhiser's work are really part of 93/94 since they were asked just inside the window of that year. SSRIC takes the position, that the questions were agreed to earlier than that and they belong to the 92/93 period.

Chuck Wilmot agreed to explore the resolution of this with Field.

M/S/P by Korey/Emenhiser: To develop a set of questions that will always be ready to be submitted to Field. The Field committee will have the responsibility to carry this out.

Passed unanimously

1. Ed indicated he will send out a flyer to get six Q's for 93/94.
2. Jason Scribner from SLO is selected as the Field Intern for the winter
3. there is an RFP coming out for the spring intern
4. We need to get faculty fellows proposals by January 15th.
5. Other items:
6. there are problems in getting good data sets from Field
7. the data arrays seem to be a bit confused
8. Doug Coe and Ed Nelson agreed to go to San Francisco to get things straightened out; of course this is on behalf of SSRIC!

10. Proposal from Carder regarding the new campuses and subscription to SSDBA. The proposal was circulated.

M/S/P Serpe/Blue that SSDBA:

Allow[s] new CSU Campuses to phase in their subscription on a schedule that responds to the campus growth over the first 10 years. It is proposed that for years 1-5 a campus would pay 50% of the cost of the small campus subscription. In years 6-10, the subscription cost would increase 10% per year. Therefore, in year 10 the campus would pay 100% of the subscription cost of the small campuses.

11. There is a bulletin board system up on the SSDBA now. It contains workgroup software; It is not the friendliest of all bb's but it will have a friendlier editor soon. It currently uses VI or Emacs.

Discussion continued on other data bases that are up on SSDBA:

1. census re releases
2. electronic atlas
3. arc info
4. economic data--IMF trade data on a relational data base
5. Legislate--Federal information and there is a trial period for Congressional Quarterly

There was also a discussion of ICPSR regional centers

There is something called Cal Forum which is a service to librarians

1. There was a discussion of something called IRT--this secretary is lost at this point in the recording; sorry!

This is apparently some type of software that runs on windows or Mac; it has various acronyms one of which is CLARIT. It is not clear to me why this is important--largely because I was overwhelmed with the acronyms! Sorry again.

Lexis-nexis discussion: apparently they want to sell only to Department and Schools @ $1,000 a year; but the old passwords are still okay. Another service is the Dow/Jones News service--this is $600 a password. The Chronicle of Higher Education is being purchased by libraries.

Contact Penny Crane about this material if you want further detail and a much clearer rendering; sorry I botched this.

Those of you who are interested in site licensed campuses for Borland, contact Swiftc at Sacramento.

1. ICPSR discussion

Various notes were brought up including a certain German restaurant that

this secretary knows nothing of. < Notice the preposition ending sentence!

There is a new list of priorities for campuses to attend Michigan's biennial meetings. See the list from Ed Nelson. The order now is: Los Angeles, Chico, SLO, San Jose, Long Beach, Dom Hills, San Bernardino, Pomona, Fullerton,

Bakersfield, San Marcos, Sacramento, Sonoma, Humboldt, Fresno, San Diego, Northridge, San Francisco, Stanislaus, Hayward. This is the listing for the Fall, 1995 meeting in Ann Arbor.

14. Discussion on SSRIC Modules

a. MSP Ross/Korey to approve the module from Ed and Liz Nelson which is a revision of the one they did earlier. And it was agreed that it be sent for reproduction.

b. There was a discussion on redoing the sample done by Bruce Haston several years ago. Jim Ross said he would oversee the procedures.

1. He would like a sample of 500 students from each of the original campuses
2. he will send out a questionnaire and would like to receive comments back

c. Other new modules?

1). Turner suggested one in geography might be good 2) there is money to support it

1. Gene will get back to us on this matter
2. John Korey wants to propose one on the State of California Legislature--he indicated he wanted someone to join him on this matter.

15. the Meeting of Aril 28th in Dominguez Hills for the student research

1. Any ideas on a speaker?
2. E-mail Margaret if you have some ideas on who to invite

16 Resolution regarding Chuck Wilmot's Service to the CSU System and to SSRIC

Be it resolved that SSRIC thanks:

Chuck Wilmot for long years of service; for fighting our battles at the CO's office; for negotiating the best agreements; and for giving us the 'inside' story on what really happens at the CO."