SSRIC Meeting

10/9/15

Minutes submitted by Billy Wagner (Channel Islands)

Attendance: Brian Gillespie (Sonoma), Billy Wagner (Channel Islands),

Stafford Cox (Chair, Long Beach), Ed Nelson (at large), Francis Neely (SFSU),

John Korey (at large), Matt Holian (San Jose), Aya Ida (Sacramento), Nancy Hudspeth (Stanislaus), and Marcela Garcia-Castañon (San Francisco)

Collaborate: Matt Jarvis (Fullerton), Rhonda Dugan (Bakersfield), Timothy Kubal (Fresno), Regan Mass (Northridge), Jill Yamashita (Monterey Bay), Greg Bohr (Cal Poly SLO), Ginger Shoulders (San Diego), John Menary (Dominguez Hills), Gilbert Garcia (Los Angeles), Josh Meisel (Humboldt), Carl Sneed (Dominguez Hills)

1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes (May 8, 2015)
   1. Agenda approved.
   2. Minutes from the spring meeting approved.
2. SSRIC Representatives for 2015-2016

Reviewed list of SSRIC representatives, subscription approvers, e-mail lists, campus long lists, SSRIC priority list for OR meetings at the ICPSR. It was noted that campus subscriptions were completed by September 7, 2015 (Labor Day).

1. Committee Nominations

Stafford made a motion to approve a list of the executive committee members 2015-16. Passed unanimously.

S4 Awards Committee. Regan removed herself as a reader, but may be able to chair the committee. Gilbert Garcia may also be in a position to chair the committee. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting when calendars will be more predictable.

Field Faculty Fellowship Committee, Ed Nelson will continue to coordinate the committee as chair. Ed will submit a report outlining the Field Fellowship Selection process at the Winter meeting.

Web Liaison Committee: Tim is proposing a change to Wordpress; SFSU has investment in another system and may not be able to support that. Motion to appoint Greg Bohr, John Korey, Tim Kubal, Ginger Shoulders to the committee, with Tim Kubal as chair. Approved. The committee will convene and submit its report at the Winter meeting.

1. Budget 2015-16 ($224,768) was presented by Stafford Cox.

Looking at the 2016-2017 budget, the database subscriptions may increase as follows: Field (5%), Roper (1.5%), Berkeley (from $1,500 to $2,500), SFSU (tbd).

1. Reports: Annual Report presented/discussed by Matt Jarvis, Past-Chair 2014-2015.
2. Reports: Field Faculty Fellowship information presented and discussed by Ed Nelson. Motion passes to receive the Field Faculty Fellowship report rather than requiring the Council to replicate the decisions of the committee. The report would then be forwarded to the Field Institute. A remembrance of Mervin Field was shared with the Council.
3. Reports: Greg Bohr presented and discussed information about ICSPR summer program (summer 2015), and noted that ICPSR no longer provides SSRIC with fee-waiver resources. ICPSR has scholarships/fellowships available. The ICPSR sends out the announcement.

Time Certain: Andrew Roderick and Michael Harper (SFSU, Academic Affairs Information Technology) discussed the website/current functionality—developed 9 years ago. Andrew talked about revising the website since the old system will no longer be supported soon, which will result in a security risk at some point in 2016. It will be important to have a phone/tablet friendly system. Old website and contacts will be backed up for archival purposes; no data would be lost in the update process. The timeline is to develop and release an updated website during the 2016-2017 period. The website can continue on Drupal 6 for this year. The estimated cost would be about $7,000. Andrew requests information on JMP usage among the CSU campuses. Findings will be reported at the Winter meeting.

1. Usage Statistics and Services 2014-2015

Usage statistics were provided by Stafford Cox: ICPSR, Field, Roper, Website, and Symposium.

1. Social Science Student Symposium 2016 (Ginger Shoulders, SDSU): May 5th, 41st annual. Dean of the Library will pay for presentation rooms. SSRIC will pay for the assembly room. Ginger’s Dean’s office will pay for one or possibly two of the meals – breakfast/lunch. There was a discussion about the awards and travel incentives to be offered to the student participants at this academic year’s symposium. It was suggested that $300 be paid to the guest speaker. Parking will be an expense to be discussed at the Winter meeting. The SSRIC Business meeting lunch on May 6 may be covered.

Issues to be addressed at Winter meeting. Gene’s donation may not cover the

student awards and travel funds offered in previous years. Since the minor

awards require more work than the three primary awards, we need to

establish deadlines for students to complete their forms.

1. R. Gene Geisler Social Science Proposal: look at curricula and see what matches the model that Gene has proposed (as a general model—interdisciplinary). Gene may be willing to support a faculty member (50%?) to pilot a rigorous quantitative training program at the undergraduate level.

Interested people in attendance volunteered to form a subcommittee: Regan (Northridge), Brian (Sonoma), Marisela (SFSU), Billy (Channel Islands) will constitute a task force on this matter. Francis (SFSU) will serve as contact with Gene. Billy will convene the task force and coordinate with Stafford.

Regan described the CSUN interdisciplinary “methods core” program. Consisting of quantitative courses, these are available to all social science majors. Political Science, Social Work, Geography, Psychology and Sociology participate in the program, which includes online classes.

1. Newsletter and Workshops.

The SSRIC newsletter is emailed to the SSRIC Long List twice a year. Semester campuses receive the fall issue in September and Quarter campuses receive the fall issue in October. Ed asks for topics and/or articles that might be of interest to the whole.

Ed put up exercises on the SSRIC website as examples for what would be covered in an introductory social science statistics course. Online workshop materials are available on the SSRIC website: PowerPoint presentations for SSRIC, ICPSR, Field, Roper, as well as 5-10 minute youtube videos (youtube channel). If representatives would like to host a workshop(s) on their campuses, contact Ed to make arrangements for this academic year.

Tim spoke about Big Blue Button: open source collaboration, conferencing, and such. There is no voting feature, but online participants can enter a text response, i.e., “yes” or “no”. SSRIC may use this tool for the online winter meeting and/or the next executive council meeting.

1. CSU Chancellor’s Office Executive Order 1103

The CO wants to sanction all affinity groups. The SSRIC has been informally referred to as an affinity group since 1972. SSRIC may be grandfathered as an existing organization with a November 6, 2015 deadline to submit documentation.

This recognition will formalize the SSRIC as a CSU affinity group and allow the SSRIC all associated rights and privileges – such as the use of the official university seals.

In turn, the SSRIC will be required to submit yearly reports and be subject to a 5-year review cycle. Annual reports/reviews go to all campus presidents and appropriate staff at the CO.

Documents due this year: Proposal (due November 6, 2015) with an outline of mission, purpose, activities, membership, by-laws, annual reports, organizational chart and defined governance. The proposal must be submitted by a lead campus president or executive, who will provide oversight of the SSRIC. While Dr. Andrew Mason suggested we receive the support of all participating campus presidents (n=22), he was willing to entertain the possibility of two presidents, drawn from the northern and southern campuses. Stafford with the help of the Executive Committee will prepare the proposal as well as seek presidential support from the campuses. The committee will reach out to Dr. Gerard Hanley at the CO.

1. Calendar

Important Dates:

Feb 5-online

May 5 - SDSU Social Science Student Symposium,

May 6 – Business Meeting

Adjournment