

## BY-LAWS

### Social Science Research and Instructional Council California State University and Colleges Council

#### ARTICLE I NAME

This organization shall be known as the Social Science Research and Instructional Council, California State University and Colleges Council (hereinafter referred to as SSRIC, CSUC Council).

#### ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

1. To encourage the use of quantitative methods in the teaching of social sciences to undergraduate and graduate students.
2. To support and implement the collection and distribution of social science data as well as information about these data.
3. To support and implement the use of computerized projects in the CSUC curriculum.
4. To support and implement the quantitative skills of students and faculty in the California State University and Colleges.

#### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING

1. The SSRIC, CSUC Council shall be composed of one representative from each campus. The campus representative shall be appointed annually by their President. "Past Council chairpersons who no longer serve as campus representatives but who remain affiliated with the CSUC system, shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the SSRIC, CSUC Council."
2. Decisions on all issues will be by a majority of the council members present and voting, provided a quorum of eleven members is present.
3. Participation in Council deliberation may be expanded to include other members of the CSUC community.

#### ARTICLE IV THE CHAIRPERSON AND COMMITTEES

1. At the Winter meeting, the Council will select a chairperson to serve for the next year beginning on July 1st.
2. No chairperson shall serve successive terms.
3. Committees shall be established by a majority of SSRIC, CSUC Council.
4. There shall be a CSUC Questionnaire Committee for the California Poll which will function in the following way:

- a. The Committee will consist of three members--a chairperson, a Northern California member, and a Southern California member. Terms of office will be two years. The first representative from Southern California will serve a one-year term.
- b. Any SSRIC, CSUC member is eligible for this Committee. SSRIC, CSUC will select all committee members.
- c. The chairperson is responsible for announcing to CSUC faculty the possibility of including questions on the California Poll and for reviewing question proposals that are received by CSUC faculty.
- d. Each question's proposal shall be anonymously reviewed by at least three reviewers to be selected by the members of the Questionnaire Committee.
- e. No proposal shall be reviewed by a faculty member for a campus from which the proposal is received.
- f. SSRIC, CSUC will determine the structure and format of question proposals. Instructions concerning structure and format shall be included in the requests for proposals.
- g. The Committee shall represent the CSUC system at meetings of the California Opinion Research Consortium.
- h. At the Fall meeting, the chairperson will report to the SSRIC, CSUC on the progress and status of Committee activities.

ARTICLE V  
MEETINGS

1. There shall be at least three meetings of the council in each academic year.

ARTICLE VI  
SUMMER TRAINING PROGRAMS, ANN ARBOR

1. Any council member may nominate participants.
2. Both faculty and students will be considered eligible applicants.
3. Under the assumption that elementary training in research methods is readily available within CSUC, preference will be given to those applicants qualifying for the more advanced programs.
4. The council will attempt to insure each campus is represented.

ARTICLE VII  
ATTENDANCE AT BIENNIAL ICPSR MEETING  
IN ANN ARBOR

According to the terms of the agreement with ICPSR in Ann Arbor, CSUC is entitled to send ten participants to the Biennial Meeting of Official Representatives of ICPSR. Selection will be as follows:

1. The SSRIC, CSUC Council Chairperson or his/her designee and the immediate past Council Chairperson shall be two of the participants attending the Biennial Meeting.
2. The Council will select the other representatives on a rotating basis biennially.

ARTICLE VIII  
ACQUISITION OF MATERIALS

A library of SSRIC materials shall be developed in CSUC, Division of Information Systems. All requests for materials shall be sent to the Coordinator of this Library.

ARTICLE IX  
AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these By-Laws shall be adopted by a majority vote of the nineteen members of SSRIC, CSUC Council. Proposals for amendment shall be submitted to council members by mail in advance of one of the regular meetings.

ARTICLE X  
SUSPENSION OF BY-LAWS

At any regular meeting at which a quorum is present, the Council may, by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, suspend all or a portion of the by-laws. The motion to suspend shall indicate the duration of the suspension.

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