Statistical and Qualitative Software Support Advisory Panel

Funding Models

1. **Centralized funding** (ideal): Centralized management of University funds to support these software needs insures reliable access for users and greatest benefit for University dollars expended.
   a. Inflationary increases need to be addressed
   *Example:* this is the means by which there is campus access to SPSS, SAS

2. **Pay-to-Play**: The Libraries broker a group purchase among interested parties to take advantage of better pricing. Potentially, the Libraries might be a partner, making it possible to provide subsidized copies for sale.
   a. If an ongoing license, maintenance fees need to be factored in
   b. If a one-time purchase, users will have less vendor support or upgrade benefits
   *Example:* recent group purchase of Stata; the Libraries did purchase copies for eventual sale.

3. **NPR**: Some departments come together to take advantage of group pricing. The group purchase is sufficient to provide for campus-wide access. Therefore, the contribution of the few to address local needs serves the whole.

Delivery Models

1. **Open labs**: Basic statistical software packages are made available in Information Services open labs.
   *Example:* Campus-wide license to SPSS makes it possible to make available in all labs.

2. **Subsidized copies sold through Audio Visual Services**: The Libraries continue to subsidize the sale of individual copies of statistical and qualitative software to students, faculty, and staff (license permitting).

3. **Departmental/college labs**: Departments/colleges purchase subsidized copies of software to make available in their labs.
   *Example:* SAS is available in the College of Business lab.

4. **Library lab (alcove on 1st floor, Main Library) with specialized software**: Specialized software (such as AMOS) would be available during library hours on several computers. This would make software often needed for a short-term available for use without necessitating purchase.

5. **Loan of laptop with specialized software**: The Libraries loan a laptop with specialized software through Audio Visual Services for a set period of time. This would also make software often needed for a short-term available for use without necessitating purchase.