

CSUSB's Centers & Institutes Colloquium Agenda**Date: Friday, December 5, 2025 | Time: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Location: PL-4005****8:30 – 9:00 AM** Check-In & Morning Refreshments**9:00 – 9:15 AM****Welcome & Opening Remarks**

- [Dr. Rafik Mohamed, Provost, CSUSB](#)
 - A look at the evolving role of university centers and institutes in research, community engagement, and strategic impact
- [Dr. Tim Akers, Associate Provost, Academic Research, CSUSB](#)
 - Centers & Institutes as Engines of Innovation

9:15 – 9:50 AM (35 minutes)**Discussion: Collaboration, Impact, Sustainability and Strategic Plan**[Facilitator: Dr. Rafik Mohamed](#)

- Discussion themes: funding models, interdisciplinary projects, student engagement, community and industry partnerships and creative activities.

9:50 – 10:45 AM (45 minutes)**Collaborative Roundtables: Shaping the Future Together**[Facilitator: Dr. Timothy Akers](#)

- Small-group discussions around shared priorities:
 - Research & Creative Activities
 - Community and Industry Engagement & Partnerships
 - Student Ideation & Mentorship
 - Strategic Growth & Funding Opportunities
 - Emerging Technologies

10:45 – 11:00 AM (15 minutes)**Compliance & Reporting**

- [Kandy Lu, Executive Director, Audit & Advisory Services](#)
- [Dr. John Reitzel, Chair of the Committee for Centers and Institutes](#)

11:00 – 11:30 AM**Showcase Session: Center & Institute Highlights (Interactive)**

- Highlight accomplishments, innovations, success and upcoming initiatives.
- Identify areas for collaboration

11:30 – 12:30 PM**Lunch, Closing Remarks & Next Steps**

- Reflections on key takeaways and future directions for CSUSB's centers and institute