

Academic Affairs Division
Strategic Plan Working Document
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Vision

CSUSM is a leading regional university without boundaries. Using a perspective that transcends borders, Academic Affairs serves the University community by creating a culture of academic excellence that embraces diversity and sustains innovation and intellectual excitement.

Through shared leadership, Academic Affairs

- Connects with, as well as challenges, traditional intellectual, geographic and technological boundaries.
- Engages students as active participants in their education.
- Empowers every member of the academic community to contribute fully to the vision with passion and purpose.
- Supports active scholars, artists and practitioners as they create traditional and non-traditional teaching-learning pathways.
- Expands University engagement with community, business and institutional partners.
- Establishes CSUSM as the university of first choice for students.

Mission:

Academic Affairs prepares life-long learners to contribute constructively in a complex, dynamic global society by helping them develop knowledge, skills and values.

Core Values:

- All students are given the opportunity to reach their full academic/educational potential through the CSUSM academic/educational experience.
- Students are active participants in the learning process.
- Research and creative activity is essential to high quality teaching.
- High quality teaching is essential to high quality learning.
- Learning is transferable into multiple real world settings.
- A principled perspective informs our approach to problem solving.

Goals:

Explore innovative organizational approaches and programs that reflect the diversity of of the region we serve.

Expand experiential learning opportunities in order to bridge theory to practice.

Actively engage in a rich network that connects CSUSM to multiple communities.

Develop and support faculty research to create a community of scholars who connect to students as a community of learners.