Center for Accounting in the Public Interest
Steven L. Gill, Interim Director

The Center for Accounting in the Public Interest (CAPI) was established in 1969 and assists in linking the manpower and information needs of U.S. business with the international education, language training and research capacities of universities across the nation. SDSU CIBER serves as a catalyst to further integrate and advance a number of diverse activities relating to international business education and research. Activities of SDSU CIBER include support for faculty research, international business and foreign language curricular initiatives, outreach and development programs for the business community, and training programs for language and business faculty. SDSU CIBER also organizes conferences, workshops, and seminars designed to improve our nation's capacity to compete in the global economy.

SDSU CIBER is located in the Fowler College of Business, and collaborates with programs and colleges across the university. For more information, visit http://www.sdsu.edu/ciber.

Center for the Study of Personal Financial Planning (CSPFP)
Marie-Eve Lachance and Ning Tang, Co-Directors

The center encourages research in individual and family finance to further the ability of financial counselors and planners to provide advice that aids in achieving their financial objectives. The theoretical base of decision-making criteria for personal financial decisions is weak and sometimes non-existent. In many cases, individuals, families, and their financial planners and advisers make important decisions that have little or no theoretical foundation. The finance discipline – as taught at the university-level – has grown around corporate decision-making, not decisions of the household. The development of an emerging financial planning profession has made this lack of theoretical basis evident. The center is founded on the belief that there is a significant need for scholars to share their ideas and mutually develop their research thoughts, for financial reporters to bring the practical application of this work to the attention of professionals and the public, and for students engaged in the study of financial planning to be aware of the latest findings of researchers engaged in this field.

The center is involved in the development of a national web-based research database and a national graduate student financial planning competition. The financial planning web-based bibliography is aimed at three groups of users: journalists, researchers, and students. Summaries of recent research in financial planning concepts is available for journalists to help disseminate research findings to the popular press. Researchers can find background articles listed by financial planning topical areas. Faculty can determine state of the art research on various topics by sharing research interests and/or discussion drafts. And nationally, students can access research to aid in their academic understanding of financial planning issues.

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The Corky McMillin Center for Real Estate (CMCRE)
Mehdi Salehizadeh, Interim Director
Melissa Abeyta, Center Coordinator

The Corky McMillin Center for Real Estate, part of the Fowler College of Business at SDSU, has a history, tradition, and commitment to teaching real estate. The program began in 1958 and continues to produce real estate graduates who are ready on day one. In order to contribute to the education of the next generation of real estate leaders, the McMillin family, along with HG Fenton, Cassidy Turley, and Cornerstone Communities, generously decided to give back and support real estate education by forming the Corky McMillin Center for Real Estate. The center provides students with excellent opportunities to engage with real estate professionals and participate in supplemental education sessions such as Argus training, CoStar, Excel modeling, and Yardi. For more information, please contact the center at realestated@mail.sdsu.edu.

Corporate Governance Institute (CGI)
Lori Verstegen Ryan, Director

The Corporate Governance Institute (CGI) is an education and research center dedicated to the study and application of responsible corporate governance principles worldwide. Founded in 1998, the mission of the CGI is to enhance the skills of corporate directors, investors, and senior executives by developing innovative curriculum, fostering cutting-edge research, and offering influential practitioner education. CGI programs focus on identifying and applying ethical corporate governance practices and are guided by the principle that corporate leaders have a primary duty to ensure the financial viability of the organizations that they manage.
CGI was a first-mover in the development and delivery of a dedicated corporate governance course to MBA students in 1999, followed by a required corporate governance course for all Executive MBA students in 2007. For more than a decade, CGI has held dedicated symposia and annual research events for an international network of corporate governance scholars. The institute also offers lectures and panels for students, faculty, and the public, featuring such prestigious corporate executives, directors, and investors as the CEOs of Home Depot and Allergan Inc.; chairman of the boards of CVS Caremark, Hewlett-Packard, Allergan Inc., and Chesapeake Energy; and Relational Investors founders David Batchelder and Ralph Whitworth.

For more information concerning CGI’s programs, e-mail CGI@SDSU.edu, call 619-594-5314, or visit http://cbaweb.sdsu.edu/cgi.

Institute for Inclusiveness and Diversity in Organizations (IIDO)
Beth G. Chung, Director

The purpose of the Institute for Inclusiveness and Diversity in Organizations (IIDO) is to support the development of knowledge and competencies needed to manage a more diverse workforce in a global business environment. Diversity is viewed here in broad terms, incorporating age, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, culture, and nationality. Both the changing nature of the work force and the global challenges faced by organizations point to the value of researching inclusion and diversity issues. This information deepens the body of knowledge about organizational diversity for management scholars, presents needed information to the business community, provides research opportunities for faculty, and offers educational opportunities for students. Founded in 2006, the IIDO seeks to accomplish these goals by: (1) conducting survey research that investigates the impact of organizational diversity and globalization, with the goal of improving organizational effectiveness; (2) cultivating mutually beneficial relationships with organizations (private sector, public sector, and nonprofit) that support the goals of optimizing human resource management and development in a diverse and interconnected world; and (3) contributing to the education of students, employees, managers, and executives to prepare them for roles in an increasingly diverse and global world. The IIDO also seeks to create research partnerships among faculty at SDSU and at other universities to enhance the knowledge base on inclusion, and to increase the international reputation and visibility of the Fowler College of Business among scholars and the business community. For further information, contact the IIDO at 619-594-2699, Beth.Chung@sdsu.edu, or at http://www.sdsu.edu/ido.

International Institute for the Commercialization of Biomedical Innovation (IICBI)
The International Institute for the Commercialization of Biomedical Innovation (IICBI) seeks to bring the world’s biomedical innovations to the marketplace. The goal of the IICBI is to work with leading universities to expedite biomedical concepts into development; and then move them forward into the marketplace. The IICBI works with national as well as international universities to develop and bring new medical devices, apparatuses, pharmaceuticals, and treatments to the marketplace. It is partnered with other universities to identify and in-license technologies. Students, faculty, and key life science business leaders work together to develop: (1) a business plan; (2) an IP strategy; (3) a patent for a disclosure, regulatory plan; (4) a competitive strategy for the technology; and (5) identify and pursue commercial partners to develop and market the end product. The mission of the IICBI is to provide the expertise and infrastructures to support the development and commercialization of biomedical innovation from universities across the globe that currently lack the ability to bridge the gap between concept generation and product launch.