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Mohamed Abousalem was appointed in June 2019 as our inaugural Vice President for Research and Innovation (VPRI). Mohamed has served in a variety of teaching, research and business leadership positions for three decades, most recently as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research at the University of California Santa Cruz. The VPRI leads the planning, administration, and evaluation of university research facilities, centers, institutes, and support services, as well as the allocation of funding for research and innovation programs and activities. He also leads identifying, securing, and maintaining extramural funding from governmental agencies, private foundations, businesses, and industry, as well as in developing public-private partnerships that foster innovation and grant collaborations. Mohamed holds a bachelor’s degree from Alexandria University (Egypt), master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Calgary (Canada), and an M.B.A. from Santa Clara University.