

Director of the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT)

Call for applications for the position of director.

CELT's Mission: The Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching at California State University, Chico is committed to rewarding and promoting the ability of our faculty to teach well, to finding ways to improve the learning process, and to providing support, training, and mentoring.

CELT's Activities:

- Sponsors, coordinates and facilitates faculty development activities focused on teaching and learning
- Supervises awards/grants to support instructional excellence
- Provides New Faculty Orientation programs and support, surveys new faculty on their integration into the CSU, Chico teaching environment
- Coordinates CELT workshops and "brown bags" throughout the year
- Maintains a library of teaching resources and online teaching tips and resources
- Provides individual or group consultation and feedback on teaching practices
- Assesses and reports the learning outcomes of all CELT activities

Position Description

The Office of the Provost is conducting an on-campus search for a Director of CELT. We are seeking a member of the faculty with experience and insight into the teaching and learning process, who is able to provide vision and energetic leadership for CELT and for faculty development efforts generally on our campus. The CELT Director will:

1. Work with the entire campus community to determine needs and develop support for faculty development to further CSU, Chico's Strategic Priority # 1: high quality learning environment and excellence in teaching and learning and to support the Academic Plan;
2. Consult closely with the CELT Advisory Board, Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Provost to determine CELT's direction and future initiatives;
3. Maintain direct and ongoing communication and collaboration with the Technology and Learning Program for review of CELT grants, to assess technology needs and provide advice for CELT activities, in support of CSU, Chico's Strategic Priority #3: the wise use of new technologies in learning and teaching and the Academic Plan;
4. Work with other relevant campus constituencies and organizations (University Writing Center, GEAC, the Provost's Office, First-Year Experience, Deans, Chairs, Academic Senate, students) to strengthen instructional excellence, foster discussions of pedagogy; assess the effectiveness of programs and activities, and support a culture of academic rigor and excellence in the classroom;

5. Provide leadership in the organization of teaching and learning activities (such as the CELT conference) that meet faculty needs and enhance effective teaching and learning; work closely with CELT Advisory Board to determine activities and presenters; work closely with Office of Continuing Education on activities that benefit from their organizational support;
6. Review and oversee the administration of CELT grants in support of instructional excellence; work closely with CELT Advisory Board to this end;
7. Coordinate CELT-sponsored workshops and related activities that provide faculty opportunities to interact and grow professionally in their pedagogical practices;
8. Represent the campus at system-wide meetings focused on faculty development and excellence in learning and teaching;
9. Manage the CELT budget.

The CELT Director reports directly to the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and to the Office of the Provost generally. Appointment is anticipated to start Fall 2008.

Initial appointment is on a half-time basis. Initial appointment is for two years, with review and possible renewal at that time. Applications, including a letter of interest that outlines the applicant's vision and ideas for the future of CELT, and a current CV, should be directed to William M. Loker, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Zip 110. More information on CELT is available at www.csuchico.edu/celt. **Application deadline is 3/14/08.**