MISSION STATEMENT:
The Professionals of Color (and Allies) Coalition is an active and open-minded group that is committed to addressing the academic, emotional, interpersonal, and cultural needs of diverse students, staff and faculty. Through integrity, innovation, and research, we increase the visibility and strengthen the institutional support of diversity at CSU, Chico.

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