Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the 2015 Diversity Academy will be held this summer, July 6 to July 16, 2015 and is open to all CSU, Chico faculty and staff. During this intensive and interactive two-week summer seminar, participants will draw both on a wide variety of readings from experts in diversity and social inequality as well as their own experiences and knowledge.

The Diversity Academy’s objectives are several: 1) develop best practices for synthesizing diversity in curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities (Priority 3); 2) develop a shared understanding of diversity and increase competencies in our educational offerings and diversity efforts; 3) cultivate interests in applied research and funding opportunities in the field of diversity studies; and 4) establish an ongoing community discussion in which issues related to diversity can be addressed among colleagues across disciplines and divisions. Furthermore, the Diversity Academy supports several of the Diversity Action Plan (DAP) priorities and tasks such as increasing the diversity competencies of Chico State faculty and staff and fostering a shared understanding of diversity.

The seminar will meet Monday, July 6th through Thursday, July 9th and Monday, July 13th through Thursday, July 16th. Sessions will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Space is limited to twenty (20) people. Participants in the Diversity Academy will receive an iPad and all seminar materials. Consequently, they will be expected to 1) attend all sessions from July 6th to July 16th, 2) complete all of the reading assignments, 3) make a presentation to the CSU, Chico community, and 4) participate in the greater community of diversity agents across the CSU, Chico institution to collaborate and mentor the next cohort.

Applications are due on Friday, April 17, 2015 and can be obtained on the Office of Diversity and Inclusion website. For more information or to obtain an electronic copy of the application materials, please contact Tray Robinson at trobinson@csuchico.edu or (530) 898-4764. All application materials should be saved as pdf files and submitted electronically to Tray Robinson at trobinson@csuchico.edu.

The Diversity Academy is sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, the divisions of Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, University Advancement, Business and Finance, and the Office of the President.

Please share news of this exciting opportunity with your colleagues and encourage them to apply.

Thanks in advance!

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