

Notice of Intent to Hire, Reorganize, Promote or Reassign**Division of Academic Affairs****Posting: NOI-20220901****Closes: September 8, 2022****Note: Open for Comment**

The Division of Academic Affairs is recommending the appointment of Lupe Jimenez as the Director of the MESA Engineering Program (MEP) and the Chico STEM Connections Collaborative (CSC2). Mr. Jimenez has been serving as Interim Director since January 1, 2022.

Mr. Jimenez' service to Chico State spans more than 20 years prior to assuming the Interim Director position. He was hired in 2000 as the Outreach Coordinator for the MESA Engineering Program and has served as the Associate Director of the MESA Engineering Program since 2002. He was originally hired as an SSP II but was reclassified in that role with additional responsibilities in 2013. He also previously served as the Interim Director of the MESA Engineering Program in 2009.

As Interim Director of MEP and CSC2, Lupe Jimenez has provided integrated oversight of the MEP program which includes recruitment, admissions, housing, financial aid, mentoring, tutoring, supplemental instruction, undergraduate research, professional development, and career advising for over 600 students throughout three colleges (ECC, NSC, AGR). He has engaged in university-wide equity work, including obtaining multiple Department of Education grants valued at over \$7.7 million to help provide additional opportunities and resources for students.

Mr. Jimenez holds a BA degree in Social Science from CSU, Chico (1996) as well as an MA degree in Public Administration from CSU, Chico (1999).

In consideration of the critical importance of this role and Mr. Jimenez' proven leadership skills, the intent is to transition him to the Director position with an anticipated start date of October 1, 2022.

Before moving forward with the direct appointment of this individual, we are seeking additional input from the campus community. While any relevant feedback is welcome, feedback specific to the following is encouraged:

1. Your experience and/or observation of this candidate's ability to build and maintain effective and collaborative relationships with campus stakeholders;
2. Your assessment of the candidate's contributions in the interim role, providing specific examples when possible; and,

3. Your assessment of the candidate's ability to develop and implement departmental strategic improvements.

We encourage you to submit your reflections on this candidate, based upon the three questions above, to NoticeofIntent@csuchico.edu on or before **September 8, 2022**.

Chico State employees may request a copy of the position description by emailing classification@csuchico.edu.