

August 27, 2024

Greetings Reimagining Special Action Team!

Thank you again for your enthusiasm in reimagining the future of Chico State's academic identity and structures. This critical work will help us forge a new path to a robust, vibrant, and sustainable future.

### **Charge**

Through a process of investigation, dialogue, and sustained campus engagement, the Special Action Team is charged with developing 2-3 comprehensive recommendations for restructuring academic units in service to our mission, which should be grounded in key aspects of our current challenges and animated by opportunities for continuous improvement.

Your work should be informed by the following understandings: the changing enrollment landscape, our majority minority and first-generation student population, service to our region, positioning Chico State as forward-facing and academically distinctive, and reflective of our role as the regional comprehensive liberal arts and sciences university of the North State.

### **Considerations**

Your primary focus will be on the academic program structure, not the curriculum, although some conversations may naturally emerge around this area.

I encourage you to think outside the box. There is no "right" number of colleges; in fact, you may recommend a structure with no colleges at all.

Your recommendations should foster student-centeredness, innovation and creativity, and interdisciplinarity. They should be equity-minded, regionally relevant, and showcase Chico State as a destination campus.

We want the rest of the CSU to say, "Wow, look at what Chico did!"

### **First Steps**

As part of the agenda for your first meeting, you should:

- Select a chair whose role will include working with Holly and Khadish on logistics, administering surveys, and providing regular reports to the Provost.

- Schedule weekly 2-hour meetings, endeavoring to find a time that most members can attend. Regular attendance is expected; if a team member must miss more than three meetings, please consult the chair and Holly.

### **Consultation**

Input from campus constituencies and external partners is a critical component of this work. This may entail, but is not limited to, surveys, listening sessions, focus groups, etc. The Provost's office will assist with these logistics.

While I will not directly participate in your meetings or discussions, I will be available as needed, including regular meetings with the chair as necessary.

### **Deliverables**

- Monthly Executive summary of meetings (with action items and owners), activities, summary of consultations (with themes and/or trends), etc.
- Meet with the Provost Nov 13. (time TBD) to plan for final recommendations
- Final summary report with 2-3 comprehensive recommendations due December 13.

Thank you again – I look forward to the future we will build together for Chico State as a result of your important work and creativity!

Go Wildcats!!