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Dear Sagamore,

I write with respect and appreciation for the long and collegial relationship between the Pokanoket Nation, Brown University, and the Haffenreffer Museum. In the spirit of that respect and appreciation I am conveying the enclosed proposed principles and parameters for a process to develop and implement a plan for the Brown University property in Bristol, Rhode Island that ensures conservation, preservation, and sustainable access of the Native peoples related to this land. The University is committed to publicly initiating such a process when the current encampment is completely cleared from the Bristol property.

The University is committed to the process being inclusive of all Native peoples related to this land, including the Pokanoket Nation. The University will convey this commitment to being inclusive to others who we are aware of or may become aware of during this process who have a historic interest and relationship to the land. The process will include consultation and engagement with all Native peoples, including the Pokanoket Nation, with an interest and stake in the past, present and future of the Bristol property, as well as the Town of Bristol and the State of Rhode Island.

The University will bring to the process a commitment to open and transparent communication, a willingness to engage in dialogue, and an overall commitment to conducting itself in good faith with all parties as we seek to develop consensus recommendations for the future of the property consistent with the principles set forth in the enclosed document. It will be essential for all parties, including the Pokanoket Nation, to engage in the process with similar commitments, and an essential first step in doing so is a complete termination of the current encampment in order for this process to begin. We look forward to the end of the encampment and to your personal participation in the process.

With respect,

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Brown University

NOTE: This document represents proposed principles and parameters for a process to develop and implement a plan for the Brown University property in Bristol, Rhode Island that ensures conservation, preservation and sustainable access. It is being provided with respect to the leaders of the encampment currently taking place on that property for consideration and continued dialogue.

Path Forward Principles and Parameters

- Brown University seeks, through a consultative process, to develop and implement a plan for the Bristol property that respects the historical interests of the Native peoples related to this land, and ensures stewardship and management of this unique historical and natural resource for generations to come.
- The goal of such a process is the conservation and preservation of, and sustainable access to, the historically significant and sacred sites on the property in a manner that is beneficial and respectful to the Native peoples that are related to this land, to the University, and to other stakeholders.
- The process will include consultation and engagement with all Native peoples with an interest and stake in the past, present and future of the Bristol property, as well as the Town of Bristol and the State of Rhode Island.
- To ensure the success of the process, the University will commit to fund and complete a thorough cultural and environmental resource survey, including oral history, geographical information, and archeological and historical research, of the Bristol property. The cultural and environmental resource survey will, among other benefits, document the historic and sacred sites located on the property and develop a common understanding of the nature of the property upon which decisions can be made regarding conservation and preservation, and sustainable access of the Native peoples related to this land.
- The process will reasonably take twelve to eighteen months to complete, however the University is committed to completing this process as expeditiously as possible. The University will commit funding and staff to carry out the process.
- The goal of the process will be to develop consensus recommendations for the future of the property consistent with these principles. This could take many forms, from conservation lands held in a trust, to a co-management agreement, to a new or existing non-profit organization, as well as division of the property for different purposes and management. No specific outcome is pre-determined and the process, including the cultural and environmental resource survey and the consultations with the Native peoples related to this land and other stakeholder consultations, will be essential to arriving at a positive outcome.
- The process will not and cannot initiate while the current encampment is ongoing. The University will immediately commit publicly to the process once the encampment is completely cleared from the Bristol property.