Statement of interest in serving on the VIU Presidential Search Committee

Serene Kerpan

I am seeking your support to serve on the university presidential search committee because I bring relevant experience, a collaborative approach, and a strong commitment to VIU's future. Since 2022, I have been a faculty member in the Kinesiology Department; prior to this, I was a faculty member at Ontario Tech University in the Faculty of Health Sciences. I have led and served on numerous hiring committees, including faculty searches, Canada Research Chairs, and research staff appointments. I currently chair multiple steering committees focused on research and project oversight, providing experience in strategic decision-making, careful evaluation, and consensus-building. In addition, I co-lead community-engaged research with numerous Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations across Vancouver Island, which has allowed me, as a non-Indigenous ally, to develop an understanding of some of the strengths, priorities, and needs identified by local Nations. I would approach this role with care, fairness, and a strong faculty perspective, working to help select a president who can help lead us through challenging times.