



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

12 August 2013

Dear Mr. Taylor,

I would like to thank you for your letter following our meeting at the United Nations. I welcome your interest in working with the United Nations on some of the educational programmes we are developing, and will share your letter with the offices you have mentioned.

As a member of the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI), you are aware of the importance of higher education and academic partners for the Secretary-General. UNAI members are expected to undertake at least one activity each year in support of the Organization and its objectives. Your idea of focusing on the question of dialogue would be very valuable in this context and we would be happy to recommend United Nations speakers whom you may wish to invite to such forums.

Designing a special training initiative for a select group of faculty from the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCf) may be challenging. Mr. Maher Nasser, Director of the Outreach Division of the Department of Public Information (DPI), whom you have met, will be able to discuss this further with you and explore other possibilities, as well as the advisory support that DPI provides to the organization of Model UN conferences. Another important area of potential cooperation could be the United Nations educational outreach programme on the transatlantic slave trade and slavery.

I look forward to an enhanced cooperation between the United Nations and the Thurgood Marshall College Fund.

W. H. W. Nasser
Yours sincerely,

Jan Eliasson

Mr. Johnny C. Taylor, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer
Thurgood Marshall College Fund
Washington, D.C.



Note to the Deputy Secretary-General

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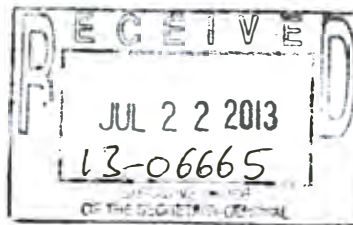
Please find, for your consideration and approval, a response letter to Mr. Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer of Thurgood Marshall College Fund.

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Dear Deputy Secretary General Eliasson:

Although the success of our recent meetings at the United Nations reflects the work of many people, your distinguished presence and profound insights gave greater meaning to our purpose and global interest. The presidents of our member-universities and I are deeply honored to have had the opportunity to meet with you.

If anything is clear from our recent discussions at the United Nations, it is that higher education cannot afford the luxury of operating in isolation. We must continue to find new and innovative ways to educate our students in a seamless web of academic work and applications that help them better understand the role of the academy in civil societies.

To this end, we have conveyed our interest in working with:

- Peter Launskey-Tieffenthal, Under Secretary General, Communications and Public Information to replicate New York University's Center on Dialogues at 1-2 of our member-universities. We are already a member of Academic Impact and are encouraging our member-universities to support and promote the ten principles.
- Gary Fowle, Director, International Telecommunications Union, to get our students engaged in internships at ITU.
- Mustapha Tlili, Director of Academics, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations to consider co-sponsoring a conference on "The Role of Higher Education in Civil Society." Ralph Cwerman, President, Humpty Dumpty Institute and President Ebrahim Mohammed Janahi, University of Bahrain have expressed an interest, as well.

In addition, we are interested in working with your office to create a national or regional training initiative at the United Nations for a select group of faculty from our member-universities and to engage our students in the Model UN Program. I am hoping that you will be kind enough to identify the appropriate person on your staff with whom we may begin to discuss these matters.

In the current world climate, we look forward to working with you to transform our discussions into programs that connect the academy more directly to the mission of the United Nations.

Sincerely,

Johnny C. Taylor, Jr.
President & CEO
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