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Subject: FW: 2021 One Book, One USAFA Funding
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 10:37:28 AM
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Here's the conversation so far (below)...plus the note I sent you in Teams (putting it here to keep the thread consolidated):

Just got off the phone with (b)(6) and (b)(6) said this is an easy yes for the Dean's unrestricted because it is clearly tied to the academic mission...and now we know for next year. Unless you have any qualms, I'll get the Dean's approval in a couple of hours and have the Foundation and English continue in the vein of the email thread [below].

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 3:01 PM
To: (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: 2021 One Book, One USAFA Funding

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Thank you for the quick response!
If we go through the Dean's unrestricted fund, how does that process work?
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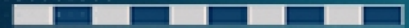
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Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 2:42 PM
To: (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: 2021 One Book, One USAFA Funding

Ma'am

Thank you so much for reaching out. Yes, we did purchase the books for last year's incoming class through the IFC. I am not certain we are able to do that again this year, as IFC funds for 2021 are allocated for the most part. However, there may be an opportunity – with your leadership's approval – to use funds in a different area. I may suggest the Dean's unrestricted fund.

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We are of course here to help, and if we are able, complete this purchase. Trying to find the right funding avenue to support this (if we are able).

Questions, concerns or if there is anything else I can do, please let me know.

Thank you!

Best,

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Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 1:57 PM

To: (b)(6)

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Subject: 2021 One Book, One USAFA Funding

Good afternoon, (b)(6)

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I am reaching out to inquire about the availability and the process for requesting foundation funds to purchase AY2021 One Book, One USAFA texts. (b)(6) has been in conversation with (b)(6) (b)(6) on the subject and recommended we get in touch with you to navigate the way forward for this year.

The request is for 1200 copies of the Convocation text (title announcement pending). (b)(5)

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Last year's texts were funded using IFC funds. We hope to have the order placed by the end of this month, if not shortly after, to ensure we receive the texts in time to launch the AY2021 program.

Can you please advise on how we proceed?

Thank you,
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From: (b)(6)
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: One Book, One USAFA for AY 21-22
Date: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 11:20:34 PM

Colleagues,

As Lt Gen Clark recently announced, the *One Book, One USAFA* selection for AY 21-22 is *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei, Justin Eisinger, and Steven Scott, with art by Harmony Becker. Many thanks to the Department of English and Fine Arts for their stewardship of the process, including the challenging selection between numerous suggestions from across DF. Thank you to all who made recommendations!

Our *One Book, One USAFA* choice for this upcoming year is a graphic novel memoir focusing on Takei's experience as a young child forced to relocate to Japanese internment camps during WWII. The graphic novel is an important literary genre that merges, and alters, both literary and artistic influences. The memoir offers opportunities to discuss topics ranging from current events, Colorado history, and Space Force to war literature, military history, legal studies, and American political and racial history. And of course, it also opens the door to conversations on diversity and inclusion...a focus area for all of USAFA.

I look forward to hearing your reflections about *They Called Us Enemy* after you read the selection! The Class of 2025 will receive their copy on I-day, and I know they too look forward to discussing their thoughts with all of us. Happy reading!

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Brigadier General, USAF
Dean of the Faculty, U.S. Air Force Academy
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From: (b)(6)
To: (b)(6)
Subject: One Book, One USAFA: They Called Us Enemy
Date: Thursday, May 27, 2021 2:48:29 PM

Team USAFA,

Our selection for this year's 'One Book, One USAFA' program offers us an opportunity to continue our important dialogue on Diversity and Inclusion. *They Called Us Enemy* is a graphic novel memoir by George Takei, Justin Eisinger, and Steven Scott, with art by Harmony Becker. Many of us may know George Takei from his longtime television role on Star Trek as the character Hikaru Sulu, an officer aboard the USS (Starship) Enterprise. The memoir focuses on Takei's childhood, and the experience of his family being forced from their home in California and into internment camps during World War II.

The story and art presented in this engaging work cover a wide variety of disciplines and will support productive conversations across our Academy throughout the year. It is a discussion of American history and important ethical and legal issues, and shares a war narrative from the viewpoint of a non-combatant. Mr. Takei is also a prominent spokesperson for LGBTQ rights, and shares a perspective in his story that I hope will combat the recent rise of violence against Asian-Americans. Beyond its discussion of any particular demographic, you will read about family values and adherence to democratic ideals in the face of arduous circumstances. My intent is that we enter fully into this and all narratives by under-represented groups, and develop a deepened understanding of what is at stake.

Our investment in reading this graphic novel together will support our mission to develop leaders for our Nation who understand our history, speak fluently to current events, and can think critically about shaping the direction of our shared future. Considering many different experiences and perspectives is critical to this effort, because it helps us to more effectively utilize our Nation's greatest strength – its incredible diversity. I encourage all of our cadets, AOCs and AMTs, coaches, faculty, and staff to read this book and engage in the critical conversations it generates. Through this dialogue we can persist in our efforts to lift all voices and allow the fullest contributions from our entire, diversely talented team.

I enjoyed reading this compelling selection, and I hope you do too!

V/R Rich Clark

RICHARD M. CLARK, Lt Gen, USAF
Superintendent, U.S. Air Force Academy

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From: (b)(6)
To:
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Subject: RE: DFENG News!
Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 4:25:25 PM

(b)(6) ...And your recommendation on the list wouldn't have necessarily signaled to me that you are willing to lead the effort as well. Thx so much for this!

(b)(6) ...delighted to hear Star Trek never came up...simply recognizing different generations of audiences.

(b)(6) , as always, appreciate the steering....rethinking.... reconsidering.

Best,
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From: (b)(6)
Date: Thursday, Mar 18, 2021, 2:04 PM
To: (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: DFENG News!

Thx (b)(6) ...I know (b)(6) had great success with it too. I mentioned to (b)(6) that Star Trek fans would love this selection as well, but when I made a reference to Star Trek in class only one student was familiar with Star Trek. The tragedy of aging!

Happy to keep it on the list for Dean....if we give her 3 different recommendations....

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 1:31 PM
To: (b)(6)
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Subject: Re: DFENG News!

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My recommendation is already on the list: *They Called Us Enemy*. George Takei's graphic memoir hits all the criteria you've mentioned, plus it highlights how military thinking has played an outsized role in discriminatory policies and practices. Seems ready-made for this kind of event with wide appeal to those interested in war, history, rhetoric, and the arts. It also has obvious relevance to contemporary issues. Even though it involved buying an additional book, several of my 111 students have chosen this text as the baseline text for their upcoming research projects.

All best,

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 9:43 AM

To: (b)(6)

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Subject: FW: DFENG News!

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Given your work in diversity (b)(6) on the D&I minor) and Lori (with your pedagogical research/D&I award finalist), I'd like for you to recommend 2-3 texts I can send to the Dean for One Book, One USAFA. This year the Dean has asked for a text which speaks to diversity.

And, assuming the Dean supports one of these texts, I'd like you to lead this effort. (b)(6) I'm aware of your sabbatical next Spring...but as you saw with (b)(6) most of the work will be completed before then. The list I've attached comes from the Dept and across DF. (b)(6)

haven't found the perfect text that fits the parameters (diversity, lighter read, around 200 pages, scholarly, author can be invited out, can work with NCLS...etc). I'd appreciate the two of you taking this on so we can get the text ordered this summer and launch the program next year. Another idea

I had was considering a collection of short stories...perhaps allowing more DFENGers to get involved.

When you have your recommendations, let's set up a time to meet.

Many thx,
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Non Responsive Record

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From: (b)(6)
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Subject: One Book One USAFA Texts
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 10:42:30 AM
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GIFT OPPORTUNITIES SUBMITTAL
ANNUAL NEED

ME Priority:
Total Amount: \$15,000
Gift Account: ENXX

TITLE: 'One Book, One USAFA' Texts

DATE ENTERED: 18 May 2021
UPDATED:

POINT OF CONTACT: Primary: (b)(6)
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY NEEDED: \$15,000

ESTIMATED BREAKDOWN OF TOTAL AMOUNT:

1200 books x \$12.50/ea = \$15,000

Note: actual cost will fluctuate based upon size of entering class of cadets each year

AREA(S) SUPPORTED: Academic Excellence, Character Development, Institutional Advancement and Support.

DESCRIPTION OF NEED: One Book, One USAFA is an institutionally-sponsored common reading program that combines high-impact academic practices in order to foster critical thinking, understanding of the human condition, and respect for human dignity in an interdisciplinary manner. These funds directly support the program by purchasing a copy of the common reading text for each member of the incoming class of cadets. The book becomes the focal point of guest lectures, Air Force Humanities Institute programming, and National Character and Leadership Symposium opportunities.

CADET BENEFIT: All Fourth Class Cadets receive a free copy of the One Book, One USAFA text following the Dean's Convocation. Approximately 1200 cadets benefit each year.

ACCEPTABILITY OF PARTIAL FUNDING: Partial funding is not acceptable for this requirement.

ONE-TIME OR RECURRING NEED: Recurring annual need coinciding with the entrance of each new class of cadets.

CURRENT STATUS: Continuation of an existing need; previously funded through the Institute for Future Conflict.

OTHER FUNDING REQUEST: n/a

DATE OF NEED: This year (2021), funds are required in May. In subsequent years, funds will be required in the first quarter of the calendar year (Jan-Mar).

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