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Date: 6/2/2014 2:38:48 PM
Subject: RE: State to State agreement w Aruba

Just following up on this agreement idea with Aruba, the minister has asked our folks for an update. Any more thoughts??

From: WALKER III, TREY
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 12:33 PM
To: ChristianSoura@gov.sc.gov
Subject: State to State agreement w Aruba

Question: USC is interested in the State of South Carolina and Aruba having a state to state agreement to collaborate on hospitality and tourism issues, to include collaboration between the University of Aruba and USC. Is such a state to state agreement something that is handled in the Governor's Office, or by another agency or by resolution of the General Assembly?

I thought this might make for a good "jobs" style announcement with the governor and minister from Aruba.

Thoughts?

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Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 7:26 AM
To: AMIRIDIS, MICHAEL; MILLER, ALLEN
Cc: Steven Beckham; WALKER III, TREY
Subject: RE: contact in Washington or South Carolina

Good morning,

I am providing below the contact information for the Washington, DC liaison from Aruba who helped to coordinate the State to State agreement (attached) for Aruba and Maryland. Their agreement covers some areas that might be of interest to us as well, but I know that Aruba is very interested in the partnership in education, green or sustainable initiatives, and also the possibility of other things that we have in common- dependence and excellence in tourism and hospitality, cruise ports, coastal areas, innovation and creativity, etc.

There are many great rationales for a partnership between Aruba (could be the gateway to the Caribbean as well as the gateway to South America) and South Carolina and I believe that conversations with Jocelyne, myself, and Provost Amiridis could help to clarify the benefits moving forward.

Currently the University of South Carolina has had a partnership with University of Aruba related to helping mentor teachers in the hospitality and tourism program, research collaboration, student exchanges, and faculty exchanges that help to facilitate this agreement, but there are also many more commonalities between our state and Aruba regarding goals and visions for the future.

Please advise if I can help facilitate the state to state agreement. The Aruba delegation will be here around June 20th and it would be great if we could have discussions prior to that if needed.

Thank you for helping to move this forward,

Robin DiPietro

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Subject: RE: contact in Washington or South Carolina

Robin,

I have copied Steve Beckham (in DC) and Trey Walker (our Governor's office liaison) to take it from here. Please provide them with details and I hope they can help us.

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From: DIPIETRO, ROBIN
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2014 8:18 AM
To: AMIRIDIS, MICHAEL
Subject: contact in Washington or South Carolina

Provost Amiridis-

Can you please send me the name and contact of the people you mentioned yesterday that are the USC connections- one in Washington DC and one in the statehouse here for the state to state agreement?

Aruba has a representative in Washington, DC and I would love to have her help with the process if possible. She helped Aruba get a state to state agreement with Maryland this past February.

Thank you,

Robin

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