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They are still interested in a state to state agreement. See below.

Officials from the University of Aruba recently traveled to the University of South Carolina to renew the Understanding (MOU) and Undergraduate Student Exchange Agreements between the two institutions.

Dr. Glenn Thode, the Rector of the University of Aruba, and Mr. John Wardlaw, Dean of the Faculty of Tourism Management Studies, were hosted by USC President Harris Pastides, College of HRSM Dean Dr. Robin B. DiPietro, Associate Professor and Director of the International Institute for Foodservice Education.

These special guests are looking into developing future partnership options including social work, environmental sustainability, as well as nursing. They are also interested in learning more about the Center for Technical Education (CTE) and Palmetto College on their visit to Columbia.

"This partnership has funded many research projects in the Caribbean and in South Carolina, as well as supported three Ph.D. students in the School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management (HRTM) studying foodservice management," said DiPietro.

The partnership between the two is going on its fourth year and has included faculty exchanges for research as well as student exchanges. In addition, it has resulted in more than eight publications and presentations on research in tourism, retail, and hospitality.

<http://www.hrsm.sc.edu/PressReleases/2014/aruba.html>

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