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Co-operative Education & Academic Collaboration

Prof. Dr. Neil Ward, Senior Professional Training Tutor and Professor in Chemistry and Mrs. Annette Strauss, Head of European Affairs and Exchange from the University of Surrey, UK visited NC State in order to further develop the collaboration with NC State University.

NC State and the University of Surrey currently have an active student exchange program as well as a dual masters degree program – the Master of International Studies/Master of Arts in European Politics, which resides in the School of Public and International Affairs.

The major purposes for the visit included:

1. Building a framework to facilitate co-operative educational exchanges or internship placements with industry on both sides of the Atlantic
2. Reviewing the current student exchange program with the Study Abroad Office, and
3. Developing a marketing strategy for the MIS/MAEP degree.

Dr. Arnold Bell, Director of the Co-op Office and his team met with Prof. Ward to identify a structure for the proposed co-operative exchanges. The Co-op Office also provided site visits to co-op partners in the Research Triangle Park and in Centennial Campus.

Mrs. Strauss met with Ms. Brooke Ashley (SAO) to discuss student exchange. She also talked with Dr. Heidi Hobbs about marketing and student recruitment for the MIS/MAEP degree as well as a summer study abroad program at the University of Surrey.

The visit also allowed meaningful discussions about extending academic collaboration with the political science and business administration programs.