UNC Hosts Arts and Humanities Delegation from King’s College London

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill welcomed King’s College London’s Russell Goulbourne, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, and Raphael Woolf, vice dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, to campus last week to discuss ongoing collaborations in the arts, social sciences and humanities.

Goulbourne and Woolf met with Carolina faculty and staff from departments in UNC’s College of Arts and Sciences, including philosophy, religious studies, English and comparative literature, history, music, classics, the Study Abroad Office and the Institute for Arts and Humanities to discuss joint projects and opportunities for future collaborations between King’s and Carolina.

The delegation spent time with Jonathan Hartlyn, senior associate dean for social sciences and global programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, and Terry Rhodes, senior associate dean for fine arts and humanities in the College, who emphasized the importance of the King’s relationship to the College and the many benefits the partnership has brought to faculty and students.

“King’s College London is a longstanding partner of ours, and one that provides Carolina with a model by which we aspire to develop other partnerships,” says Bob Miles, UNC-Chapel Hill’s partnership liaison and associate dean for study abroad and international exchanges in the College of Arts and Sciences. “It is always a pleasure to host colleagues from King’s and see grows in new areas while maintaining strength in disciplines that have been collaborating for more than ten years.”

One particularly successful area of activity with King’s has been the organization of joint workshops and conferences by graduate students, which help cement the relationship between departments and provide students with valuable international exposure and networking. Numerous departments have hosted joint graduate student-led conferences, including history, English, music, and philosophy, among others.

During the visit, the delegation met with Steve Matson, dean of the Graduate School, to discuss the extensive involvement of graduate students in short-term research visits, student-organized workshops, and other initiatives. They also discussed potential collaborations with the Arts and Humanities Festival at King’s College London.

Goulbourne and Woolf also had the opportunity to talk with King’s undergraduate students currently studying at Carolina. Over the course of the partnership, 250 UNC undergraduates have studied at King’s, and 183 King’s students have studied at UNC.

The partnership with King’s originated in 2005 between UNC’s College of Arts and Sciences and King’s School of Arts and Humanities and School of Social Science and Public Policy. The UNC-King’s Strategic Alliance is one of the most ambitious partnerships between a U.S. and U.K. university, including longstanding and emerging joint activity in teaching, research, student exchanges and other initiatives in diverse fields across both universities.

More information about the UNC-King’s Strategic Alliance is available online.