



GUST meets FIU in talks over new m programs in accounting and finan

The Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) accommodated two professors from Florida International University (FIU) through a series of invigorating meetings for what is deemed to be the beginning of a strong, open relationship between the two universities to discuss a proposed Masters Programs in Accounting and Finance at GUST.

than the other Gulf countries I've visited," and it Dr Koulamas' second time to Kuwait and to GUST.

Dr Elam is a recognized expert in the strategic use of information technology, the management of the information services function and the use of information technology to support both individual and group decision-making and learning while Dr Koulamas is an expert on production and operations management.

With a full itinerary planned for them by GUST's own CBA, the professors started their trip with a day filled with a sea of new faces. The Dean of CBA at GUST, Dr Lee Caldwell and the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Dr Kameleddine Benameur took the liberty of introducing the FIU representatives to Dr Abdulrahman Al-Muhailan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr Shuaib Shuaib, President of GUST and Dr Jassim Abdulsalam, GUST Academic Consultant and member of the Board of Trustees as well as Dr Robert Cook, the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dr Fahad Al-Zumai, Vice President for Academic and Finance Affairs.

All of who welcomed them warmly not only to the university, but to Kuwait and did not fail to express their enthusiasm and appreciation for the visit and the journey the universities are embarking on. Last but not least, the FIU Deans had the chance to meet GUST's CBA faculty where they learned more about the curriculum, the students and the mission of the college.

The next day was a more in-depth look into the proposed masters program and how to take the relationship a step further - first with a visit to the Private Universities Council (PUC) who will have a large role to play in the implementation of the new programs and second with a meeting with heads of the Accounting

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The trip ended universities with th new Master's progr also with the prom through research ar possible exchange p



Dr Joyce Elam, Executive Dean of the College of Business Administration (CBA) and Dr Christos Koulamas, Senior Associate Dean of CBA arrived on the