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A group of higher education officials from the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) college in Kuwait visited the University of Dayton to explore partnerships between the two schools.

PAAET officials Meshal Metle, dean of the College of Business Studies; Wael Alhasawi, dean of the College of Technological Studies; and Muhammad Alhatem, director of quality control, visited the University from May 21 through May 26 to explore ways the two institutions might join forces.

"We believe the University of Dayton is an excellent educational opportunity for PAAET students to continue their education," said Metle. "There are many opportunities to pursue and we look forward to working with our University of Dayton colleagues to make a stronger partnership a reality."

PAAET is a public educational institution founded by the government of Kuwait in 1982. It has colleges for basic education, business studies, technological studies and health sciences.

PAAET and the University's School of Engineering have an existing partnership involving the University's engineering technology program.

University of Dayton Provost Joseph Saliba said about 40 students from Kuwait were enrolled at the University in 2009-2010, although not all were students from PAAET.

Saliba said the connection with PAAET may open doors not just for University of Dayton students.

"The partnership with PAAET not only offers us the opportunity to host students from the region but for our faculty to become more engaged in the Middle East through academic exchanges," said Saliba.

While in Dayton, the PAAET representatives met with University officials including Saliba; President Daniel J. Curran; Matthew Shank, dean of the School of Business Administration; and Tony Saliba, dean of the School of Engineering, among others.

Further discussions are expected to include ways to create a more defined track for PAAET students to earn an engineering degree from the University and possible business collaborations.