

General Education Subcommittee

Minutes 26 May 2009

THC 310, 10:00-11:30 AM

Present: Anderson, Bagwell, Hodges, Lawson, Neff, Marquardt, Price Williams

1. Meeting with Sharon Feldman, Dean Simpson, Julie Baker and Dixon Abreu on COM 2.
 - Intensive language program, interdisciplinary aspects
 - Role of Cultural aspects of COM2
 - Language facility attained in COM2
 - UR's commitment to internationalization
 - Study abroad's role in COM2
 - Maintaining or changing present requirement
 - Second language proficiency testing
 - Testing out of COM2

2. Our guests unanimously agreed that the present COM2 requirements should remain unchanged or be strengthened. The University's commitment to second languages is personified by the growth of International Education, the increased number of international students and the large percentage of UR students studying abroad. A strong second language program is historically characteristic of UR and helps make the University distinctive.