

**General Education & Diversity FA Committee**  
**Approved Minutes**  
**October 14, 2014**

Present: Anne Dahlman, Dick Liebendorfer, Queen Booker, Marlene Tappe, Chris Corley, Mary Hadley, Justine Martin (recorder)

1. Appeals

The group approved one appeal.

2. Goal Area 12

Queen received a request to increase the credits accepted for goal area 12 beyond one credit. Committee members voiced concern that some students could use these credits to fulfill our 44 credit general education requirement, but not the 40 credit requirement of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (goal areas 1-10). Committee voted and approved to keep goal area 12 required credits at zero to one.

3. Assessing Goal Area Nine

Queen brought to the committee's attention that some goal area 9 classes (especially older courses on the books) may not have sufficient data to assess student learning outcomes since courses do not need to include all SLOs.

4. 8/2 Rule

The committee continued the discussion about the 8/2 rule. They would like to invite someone from ITS to the submeet to discuss increasing the specificity of the 8/2 flag in the DARS report. Currently, DARS indicates that there MAY be an 8/2 rule violation. An individual needs to determine whether there is actually a violation.

5. 8/2 Rule and the 44 General Education Credit Requirement

The 8/2 rule dilemma ties into the number of required general education credits. Should the requirement be lowered from 44 to 40? Committee members advocated that we review the requirement and that departments discuss how reducing to 40 credits might affect their programs.