Academic Review Board Annual Report

The Academic Review Board convened for the first time this year as a committee consolidated from the former curricula subcommittees on distribution, world civilizations, foreign language and culture, and the college writing requirement. In addition to our normal function, carried out throughout the year, of evaluating dozens of student petitions for academic credit, we also took some preliminary steps towards simplifying and automating, where possible, the process of obtaining such credit.

For instance, we instituted a policy whereby any course accepted for transfer credit in a given department also qualifies for the appropriate distribution credit, if applicable. We conducted preliminary meetings with representatives from the Student Services office in order to obtain resources to automate and web-ify the petitioning process. Finally, with the assistance of Dean Inouye’s office and through Downing Cless’ tireless work, we have nearly completed much-needed revisions of the transfer of credit and distribution/world civ/culture petitions.