Academic Review Board Annual Report

During the school year 2004-2005, the Academic Review Board considered numerous student and faculty petitions. Our deliberations were conducted mostly by email, but the board also met three times to consider the more difficult petitions as well as some other operational issues.

As in past years, petitions for world civilizations credit accounted for much of the ARB’s workload, with Hosea Hirata shouldering much of this load. During his tenure with the ARB, Hosea has done an outstanding (and heroic) job in maintaining the world civilizations portfolio, which includes managing a constantly updated database of approved courses. He has been truly indispensable to the ARB’s ability to function. In 2005-2006, Stephen Bailey will be taking over the world civilizations portfolio.

With regard to world civilizations, the ARB has expended much time and effort in attempting to determine whether certain courses under petition are primarily “non-western.” We expect this kind of work to continue, as more courses are offered which straddle the boundaries of the world civilizations criteria. The ARB hopes to work more closely with departments which have significant world civilization course offerings.

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