During the school year 2005-2006, the Academic Review Board considered and processed numerous student and faculty petitions. As in past years, most of our deliberations were conducted by email. The Board has been fortunate to include as a member Jack Ridge, the chair of the Committee on Curricula; as a result, the exchange of information between our committees has been instantaneous.

The ARB was able to process student petitions more efficiently by delegating the work to a subcommittee, in the case of world civilizations petitions, or departments, in the case of petitions for distribution. (Final approval in all these cases still rested with the ARB.) In this regard, the board believes that academic departments or programs are, for the most part, better equipped to handle student petitions, especially for world civilizations credit, for courses that fall within their purview. In particular, we are planning to change the format of the petition for world civilizations credit, so that final approval is granted by department chairs. (The ARB will retain overall responsibility for the approval process.) Together with department chairs, we are also planning to update the current list of approved world civilizations courses, in order to bring them in line with our current, updated criteria.

The board would like to express its gratitude to Hosea Hirata and Stephen Bailey for their admirable work in handling the world civilizations portfolio.

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