The Faculty Herald Editorial Board

Year End Report, 2011-2012

Board Membership: Frank Friedman (CST-chair), Rebecca Alpert (CLA), Kime Lawson (CLA - Assistant Editor), Jo-Anna Moore (TYL), Richard Orodenker (CLA), Michael Sirover (TUSM), Gregory Urwin (CLA), David Waldstreicher (CLA-Editor), David Watt (CLA), Bill Woodward (Law), Phil Yannella (CLA)

The Board met 6 times this year with the Editor and Assistant to the Editor of the Herald. Again this year, we worked closely with the Herald Editor to identify of major issues of community concern, including topics such as the 20/20 plan, Student Feedback Forms (electronic versus paper), shared governance, budget cuts, budget analyses, and the size of the Temple administration.

We also focused a good deal of attention on the issues related the budget and, specifically, on material provided in Herald articles written by Phil Yannella and Marina Angel. Special concerns were raised about 1) the 2011-2012 $37 million dollar contingency fund, 2) Temple's recent annual budget surpluses, 3) the continuing administration penchant for budget cutting, and 4) the administration's unwillingness to enter into meaningful discussions with the faculty concerning budget issues. Carried over from last year were concerns about faculty participation in University governance, especially as related to Senate and other governing committees. Efforts to solicit articles on these and other issues were outlined and several members of the Board (and the FSSC) contributed their own letters and articles. Concerns were also raised about the small faculty representation (2 faculty out of 15 members of the committee) on the search committee for the new President and the secrecy surrounding the search process.

Kime Lawson presented his report on the readership of the Herald for 2011-2012. A copy of this report is attached. The number of unique visitors has nearly doubled, with articles by Phil Yannella and Marina capturing a large segment of readership.

Friedman agreed to convene the first meeting of the Board this coming Fall (2012).

Three members of the Faculty Herald Advisory Board need to be replaced; Moore, Friedman, and Woodward. The Board needs more women and more minorities. A new chairman will have to be elected for Fall, 2012.

Frank Friedman
Chair