Message from the Chair of the Committee on Status of Women Faculty:

It was my great pleasure to become a member of the Committee on Status of Women Faculty in 2012 and serve as a Chair of the Committee on Status of Women Faculty since June 2012. On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank for a wonderful work previous Chair of the Committee, Dr. Nilgun Anadolu-Okur (nilgun.anadolu-okur@temple.edu) and a previous member Dr. Armine Darbinian (adarbiny@yahoo.com) for their active participation in the Committee’s work, and their continuous support and helpful ideas. I am very proud to work with new great members who will served the Committee on Status of Women Faculty during from 2012 until 2014: Dr. Brianna S. Clark (Sport and Recreation Management), Dr. Mary Barbe (Temple University School of Medicine), Dr. Laura Katz Rizzo (Temple University, Department of Dance), Dr. Dominique Kliger, Ph.D. (advisor, Distance Learning and Summer Programs)

Current goals of the Committee are:
1. To acknowledge wonderful women at Temple University who inspire students and faculties
2. To set nomination “Woman of the Month”, to nominate monthly who is doing remarkable work every day and who inspire so many female students to achieve their goals
3. To announce monthly Committee’s news and reports on the Committee’s WEBSITE
4. To collaborate with Faculty Herald to send brief reports from monthly Committee’s meetings
5. To collaborate with Committees on Status of Woman from different Schools, including School of Medicine
6. To encourage senior administrators and faculties from different Departments and Schools to participate in the Committee’s work.
7. To consider areas such as salaries, retirement funds and promotion policies where women are thought to be treated inequitably and to recommend changes in policies to correct inequalities where they exist.

In our previous report of the Committee on Status of Women Faculty at Temple University, on behalf of the Committee, we acknowledged three wonderful Great Teachers Award recipients who inspire so many female students to achieve their goals: 2011 Great Teachers Award nominee - Dr. Joan Poliner Shapiro, and 2012 Great Teachers Award nominees - Dr. Shohreh Amini and Dr. Sarah Bauerle Bass. Our congratulations for this wonderful Award and your great example and support! We asked all three recipients, Dr. Joan Poliner Shapiro, Dr. Shohreh Amini, Dr. Sarah Bauerle Bass to answer to 10 questions, and we were happy to include a photo of the wall of the Founder's Garden with imprinted names of Great Teachers Award recipients, followed by their thoughts and valuable suggestions, so important for our further work. The Faculty Herald is running our survey celebrating the teaching awards, and our report has been published in December in the Faculty Herald.

Questions from the Status of Women Committee:
1. What classes have you taught over the past 2 years (if applicable)?
2. What is your research focus (if applicable)?
3. What do you enjoy most about being a faculty member at Temple?
4. What do you do for fun?
5. What do you hope to be doing in the next 10 years?
6. What does this award mean to you?
7. In what ways can and/or has this award inspire(d) young female faculty members and students?
8. What advice do you have for young female faculty members at Temple?
9. How can the status of women at Temple University be improved?
10. What was your most memorable teaching moment?

The next nomination for “Woman of the Month” will go to three women: “Top Doctors”-2012: Amy Goldberg, MD, Surgery; Beth Moughan, MD, Pediatrics; Ellen M. Tedaldi, MD, Internal Medicine. Our congratulations to all thirty-two Temple University physicians who were included in Philadelphia magazine's 2012 "Top Doctors" list, although there are only 3 women among those 32 doctors. We will be very proud and happy to introduce them in our next report.

We want also to develop a tradition to present gift watches with the Temple University Symbol and the Committee on Status on Women symbol to be given to all "Woman of the Month" recipients at the end of each year at a small annual conference where we will invite all our recipients. We plan to discuss possible mechanisms of setting this type of conference, and also about dates, topics, guests and speakers.

One of the goals of the Committee is to set a close collaboration between female faculties of Medical School and other schools within Temple, and to recruit more faculties from Medical School into Committee on Status of Women, and to organize joint meetings with the Committee on Status of Women in Medicine from Medical School, and to build bridges between Medical School and Main Campus. There are only 3 Committee Chairs from Medical School, only one female Chair (Committee on Status of Women) from Medical School. This Committee has so important goals for Temple community, as so many wonderful women work at Temple.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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