### Academic Innovation

#### 404 Business and Technology
**Spearheaded by the W. Bruce Lunsford Academy in Law, Business, and Technology, Chase will introduce new or increased curriculum in Quantitative Methods, Leadership, and Informatics.**

**2015-16 Progress Narrative**

The four new courses created last year have been offered to current students. Three of the four courses had sufficient enrollment to move forward. They will be offered again in the coming year.

**404.01** Chase matriculates approximately ten students per class through the Lunsford Academy.

#### 405 Classroom Technology
**Chase will examine methods to improve classroom education through technological aids.**

**2015-16 Progress Narrative**

No further initiatives were introduced in the past year.

**405.01** A law librarian will advise the faculty periodically on technological developments.

#### 406 Joint Programs
**Currently, Chase offers the following joint degrees: JD/MBA, JD/MBI, and JD/MHI. Chase will consider making adjustments to the extant joint programs to increase their attractiveness and accessibility to students.**

**2015-16 Progress Narrative**

Defer to a later year.

**406.01**

#### 407 Master’s in Legal Studies
**To provide legal education to students from other fields and industries who do not wish to obtain a JD, Chase will consider offering an MLS.**

**2015-16 Progress Narrative**

The MLS program is in place and has enrolled students.

**407.01** Chase will consider and, if approved, implement an MLS program.
Ongoing Curricular Innovation
Chase faculty members and administrators will continually assess market demand and evaluate the needs of Chase students. Chase will continue to reconsider and revise its curriculum as appropriate.

2015-16 Progress Narrative
The faculty had two separate committees consider the configuration of the part-time program. Recommendations were made to the full faculty and further study will continue in the upcoming year.

Skills Instruction
Chase will continue to offer clinics, externships, and other “skills-intensive” instructional opportunities for its students; it will also continue to encourage doctrinal faculty to integrate practical instruction into substantive courses, as appropriate.

2015-16 Progress Narrative
A Director of Experiential Learning has been appointed to oversee the school’s experiential learning opportunities. A current faculty member will take on this role. The faculty passed curricular reforms that now require students to take at least 6 credits of experiential courses.

Community Engagement
Institutional Engagement
Chase will maintain its valuable role as a community leader by continuing to involve its faculty, Centers, and Institutes in community engagement. A culture of high-quality engagement will improve the school’s academic and regional reputation and strengthen its teaching mission. Chase will create programs and events, facilitate faculty participation in community outreach initiatives, and otherwise ensure that Chase remains a thought-leader in the region.

2015-16 Progress Narrative
The law school participated in the annual Cyber Security Symposium. This program was hosted by the law school and the College of Informatics. The symposium was open to the community.

The law school hosted a “Miranda at 50” symposia that was open to members of the community.

The law school partnered with the Ohio 1st District Court of Appeals to host a Health Care and the Law conference. This conference was open to the community.

Pro Bono
Chase will sustain its commitment to providing pro bono opportunities to its students.

Institutional Excellence
Admissions
Chase will seek to increase the LSAT median and GPA median for both the full-time and part-time divisions, and increase diversity among entering classes.

2015-16 Progress Narrative
The law school hired a new Assistant Director of Admissions to aid in the recruitment of a well-qualified, diverse entering class. Over the past two years the law school has been able to increase the diversity of the entering class. It is anticipated that the LSAT scores of the 2016-17, entering class will increase over the previous year’s class.
413  Admissions
Chase will seek to reposition its enrollment to reflect market demand and to improve class profile.

2015-16 Progress Narrative

The law school hired a new Assistant Director of Admissions to assist in the goal of improving the class profile.

413.01

414  Alumni relations
Chase will increase personalized contact by arranging for the dean or other Chase representative to meet more often with regional alumni to discuss developments at Chase.
The school will continue to diversify its networking events in an effort to reach alumni with varied interests who have otherwise remained unengaged with the school.

2015-16 Progress Narrative

The dean and associate dean for advancement met with an increased number of alumni, both individually and in groups, throughout the region and in selected cities around the country. The fall and spring meetings of the Board of Visitors were well attended, and the Board studied a number of important issues facing the law school. Alumni activities held throughout the year appealed to alumni of varied interests and included museum and observatory visits, golf outings, bar convention receptions, alumni awards celebrations, a Washington D.C. reception, a trip to Keeneland Race Course, and a psephologist’s analysis of the 2016 presidential election. Chase continues to communicate with alumni regularly through periodic electronic newsletters and semi-annual magazines mailed to alumni and posted on the Chase website.

414.01  Chase will engage in assessments of diverse alumni and stakeholders to improve understanding of key areas which frustrate efforts to improve diversity in the student body.

415  Alumni relations
Alumni will continue to have the opportunity to serve as mentors for Chase students, and some will be invited to serve as Distinguished Guest Professors, visiting the school for a day of teaching and networking.

2015-16 Progress Narrative

Terry R. Monnie ’74 served as Distinguished Guest Professor at Chase on January 28, 2016. More than twenty alumni met with students during a “speed networking” career development program at Chase on March 1, 2016. Throughout the year, alumni served as adjunct faculty members, competition team coaches, and speakers for student organization events, diversity programs, and CLE seminars.
415.01 Chase will invite at least one Distinguished Guest Professor to visit the school each semester.

**Diversity**
A core value of the law school is a commitment to recruiting and retaining a diverse faculty, staff, and student body. Racial and ethnic diversity, as well as diversity in terms of gender and sexual orientation, will remain a factor which strengthens our institution and educational mission.

2015-16 Progress Narrative
The law school hired an Asian male as the new Assistant Director of Admissions. The law school hired a female into the position of Career Development Coordinator. The law school promoted an African-American female into the role of Assistant Dean of Students.

The approach in admissions, implemented last year, has been enhanced by the recent hire of a new Assistant Director of Admissions.

416.01 Chase will explore programs to maintain and enhance diversity in the student body.

416.02 Chase will hire an Outreach Officer who will assist in the recruitment, retention, academic success, and career guidance of diverse students.

416.03 Chase will consider the adoption of the Statement of Good Practices for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Law Faculty Members, as published by the Association of American Law Schools.

416.04 Chase will engage in self-study, training, and assessments of current policies which present challenges to its efforts to diversify faculty, staff, and students in recruitment and retention.

416.05 Chase will seek to recruit and retain a critical mass of diverse faculty, staff, and students who are actively engaged with their subjects.

**Faculty Engagement**
Faculty members will produce high-quality works worthy of citation. A culture of exceptional scholarship and faculty engagement will improve the school’s academic reputation and strengthen its teaching mission. Chase will pursue an improved research and scholarly engagement agenda along with a corresponding bonus structure and administrative support system.

2015-16 Progress Narrative
The law faculty have produced high-quality works worthy of citation. Faculty members had publication success in a number of top law journals including some in the top 50 nationally. These include Northwestern, Hastings, Emory, Ohio State, and the University of Pennsylvania.

417.01 Chase will maintain and support a distinguished faculty of teachers and scholars.

417.02 Every faculty member remains current with the faculty publication policy.
The Chase faculty will increase its publications in legal journals and other outlets to improve academic reputation. 

**Library**

The Chase Law Library will enhance its support of faculty and student scholarship.

**College of Law (Chase)**

Begin in 2014-15

Not Started  Under Way  Completed  Ongoing

**2015-16 Progress Narrative**

The law library continues to implement the enhanced scholarship support model. The law school believes that this model is working as evidenced by the increased quality and quantity of scholarship being produced by the faculty.

**Student Success**

**Bar Passage**

Chase will study its approach to bar passage by its graduates and will consider the introduction of measures to enhance student success.

**College of Law (Chase)**

Begin in 2014-15

Not Started  Under Way  Completed  Ongoing

**2015-16 Progress Narrative**

The Foundations course recommended in 2014-15, was offered for the first time. A Taskforce on Bar Passage made a number of curricular recommendations. Some were passed by the faculty for implementation in 2106-17. A new position, to be assumed by a current faculty member, has been created to oversee the school’s bar passage efforts. The new position will bear the title of Associate Dean for Professional Affairs.

**Career Development**

Chase will seek to improve student employment prospects by leveraging its field placement curriculum and by deepening its student engagement in career planning.

**College of Law (Chase)**

Begin in 2014-15

Not Started  Under Way  Completed  Ongoing

**2015-16 Progress Narrative**

A part-time Career Development Coordinator was hired to provide additional assistance to our students and alumni. The career development office created a new program to encourage students to take advantage of the career development programming offered by the school.

**Friday, July 08, 2016**
Chase will further utilize its alumni network to create career opportunities for its graduates.

Evening Division
Chase will maintain adequate course offerings and student services in its evening division.

College of Law (Chase)  Defer to a later year  3.4b
Not Started  Under Way  Completed  Ongoing

2015-16 Progress Narrative

Learning Communities
Chase will consider establishing transdisciplinary learning communities where partner courses and related activities are used to create an integrated learning experience for students.

College of Law (Chase)  Defer to a later year  3.1b
Not Started  Under Way  Completed  Ongoing

2015-16 Progress Narrative

Pipeline
Chase will implement a 3+3 pipeline admissions program for qualifying undergraduate students, both at NKU and other colleges in the region.

College of Law (Chase)  Begin in 2014-15  2.1a, 2.1b, 2.1c
Not Started  Under Way  Completed  Ongoing

2015-16 Progress Narrative

Regional Placement
Chase will establish a Rural Practice Initiative (RPI) program to identify students who have a connection to, or an interest in, practicing in small cities and rural communities in the region, and to provide these students with individualized career counseling and personalized networking support.

College of Law (Chase)  Begin in 2014-15  4.2b
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Not Started  Under Way  Completed  Ongoing

2015-16 Progress Narrative

Chase will visit significant regional employers at least every other year to promote placement opportunities.
### Talent Development

**402 Community Health**
Chase will encourage its faculty, staff, and students to adopt healthy lifestyle choices, and will improve the introduction of university-supported health and wellness programs.

2015-16 Progress Narrative
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**403 Summer Institute**
Chase will consider creating a pre-law Summer Institute to introduce NKU students and undergraduates from other area colleges to the study of law and to Chase.

2015-16 Progress Narrative
Chase will host the KBA Pipeline program in Summer 2016.

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