

Excerpt from Provost's Charge Letter to Law School Blue Ribbon Review Panel (August 2010)

President Pastides and I would like this panel to advise us about the strengths, weaknesses, and appropriate strategy for the School. After listening to the various important constituencies of the School about their own strategic vision, we would like you to highlight your views as to the opportunities for the school to improve and what the school should do in order to seize those opportunities. In this context, we would value your insights into the following specific questions, all of which bear on the school's strategy going forward:

1. Are the current educational activities of the School following modern legal pedagogical trends and embracing state of the art practices and approaches?
2. Is the scholarly output of the School consistent with the expected productivity of a modern Law School within a Research I institution?
3. Are there some unique educational and/or scholarly activities that distinguish the School regionally, nationally or internationally, and therefore, need to be further promoted and enhanced?
4. Are there some unique opportunities to integrate the School's educational and/or scholarly efforts better within the context of the larger University, with mutual added benefits for the School and the University?
5. What specific short term and long term steps should the Law School take to best meet the needs of its students in a changing legal environment, to encourage its faculty to meet its full potential, to attract first rate faculty and students, and to improve its academic reputation?
6. Are there some specific metrics that are clear indicators of the School's progress, impact and reputation and how can these metrics be improved?