Sec. 2.5-101. Purpose
a. The primary purpose of New Student Programs is to assist new students in making a successful academic and social transition into the university community. It is intended to help students understand the nature of the university, the educational opportunities available to them, and the values and functions of the university.

b. New Student Programs seeks to affect the university’s retention plans by aiding the student’s efforts to feel accepted, to connect with the university community, and to understand university expectations.

Sec. 2.5-102. Definitions
a. In this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning,

1. “director” means the Director of Student Engagement or any delegate or representative of the Director of Student Life and Leadership;
2. “chief student affairs officer” means the chief student affairs officer or their designee;
3. “university” means The University of Texas at Tyler;
4. “student” means a person currently enrolled in residence at the university, or who is accepted for admission or readmission to the university, or who has been enrolled at the university in a prior semester or summer sessions and is eligible to continue enrollment in the semester or summer session that immediately follows, or who is attending an educational program by the university while that person is on campus.

Sec. 2.5-103. Introduction
a. New Student Programs, a division of the Department of Student Engagement, is responsible for New Patriot Orientation and first year experience programs.

Sec. 2.5-104. Application
a. Conduct New Patriot Orientation programs and first year experience programs for incoming students. Facilitate initiatives that assist with the transition to The University of Texas at Tyler.

Subchapter 2.5-200. Parent & Family Programs General Provisions

Sec. 2.6-201. Purpose
a. The mission of the Parent and Family Programs is to provide a meaningful support structure for parents and family members of The University of Texas at Tyler students. All activities will be initiated, implemented and assessed on the overall goal of student success and graduation.

Sec. 2.6-202. Introduction
a. Informed and engaged parents and family members are a key to success for university students.

Sec. 2.6-203. Application
a. Engage in dialogue with parents and family members through email and phone conversations to inform, answer questions and facilitate problem solving. Conduct programs to connect parents and family members with The University of Texas at Tyler.

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