

Manual of Policies and Procedures for Student Affairs

Chapter 2. Student Engagement

Subchapter 2-100. General Provisions

Sec. 2-101. Purpose

a. Mission

The Department of Student Engagement supports the mission of the University of Texas at Tyler by providing programs and activities designed to meet the needs of a growing student population. The purpose of Student Engagement is to enhance the educational experience of students by engaging students in programs designed to create a smooth transition to college, promote learning, involvement, free inquiry, leadership, service, and to build community. This is accomplished by partnering with students, faculty, staff, and alumni as we prepare citizens for leadership in a global society.

b. Vision Statement

The fundamental role of the Department of Student Engagement is to support and enhance the University's mission. We recognize that students and their development are the primary focus of our office and at the core of all we do is a commitment to promote student learning and development, assist students in reaching their goals, and enhance the student experience. To this end we aspire to:

1. Provide students, faculty and staff with an environment to come together for discussion, learning, recreation, relaxation, and an opportunity to build relationships that extend outside of the classroom;
2. Create and educate students about opportunities to learn and exercise responsible and ethical citizenship;
3. Provide experiences that will help students to think critically and make effective and socially responsible decisions;
4. Support and challenge students in the exploration, identification, pursuit, and integration of personal and professional values and goals;
5. Encourage student participation in programs that will help build an appreciation of individual expression, communication skills, leadership abilities, self-discipline, self-understanding, and self-confidence; and
6. Foster community and campus partnerships to create opportunities that prove to be mutually beneficial to our students, the University, and the greater East Texas community.