

# Council on Student Affairs and Fees (COSAF)

February 24, 2023

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Memorial Union Mee Room

## Meeting Notes

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1. 11:30

### Welcome / Lunch

2. 11:40 – 11:50

### Subcommittee Updates

- Student Development Fund & Dean Witter Fund | Avni Bafna  
Action Item #'s: 2023-028 through 2023-036
- Student Equity in Mental Health Programming Fund | Emma Kantor  
Action Item #: 2023-029
- Student Programming Fund | Cameron Evans  
*We met and reviewed 3 more applications:*
  - SDC MU Remote Office Events
  - Intercollegiate Club Ice Skating. Did not meet guidelines. We advised them to apply to Student Development Funds.
  - Apply-A-Thon
- Student Services Fee | Tanya Chettri  
*The subcommittee completed an online survey to identify the top 5 departments to present to COSAF in the Spring. Those 5 departments are:*
  - Office of Student Support and Judicial Affairs
  - Student Health & Counseling Services
  - Mondavi Center
  - Student Information Systems
  - Educational Opportunities & Enrichment Services
- Health Fee Oversight Committee (HFOC) | Next meeting TBD
- Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) | Next meeting TBD

3. 11:50 – 11:55

### [The Green Initiative Fund Fee \(TGIF\) Orientation](#)

Co-Chairs

4. 11:55 – 12:00

### [TGIF Sources & Uses Report 2022-23](#)

Jessica Lewis, Budget & Institutional Analysis

*Q. Can you explain what the Financial Aid means.*

*A. A portion of the fee goes to Return to Aid, which is standard with most of our Campus Based fees. It goes to the Financial Aid office and is packaged for the students.*

*Q. Why is this year projected campus grants so much higher than all the previous years?*

*A. That is just an assumption that they might spend the remaining funds they have. There were a lot of funds that were allocated and not spent because of COVID. So that is an accumulated amount. If it's not all spent this year, it will get carried into next year.*

5. 12:00 – 12:15

**TGIF Presentation**

Madison Souja, TGIF Grant Program Manager

12:15 – 12:20

Q&A

**Co-Chair comment.** For context, last year’s council looked through the referendum for TGIF and voted to recommend it to continue through the referendum process. So that’s why we are looking at the fee being reinstated and not looking at the referendum again.

**Q.** Approximately how many grants do you give out a year?

**A.** Between 0 – 10 grants per cycle, depending on how much they are asking for.

**Q.** When is the next ASUCD vote for this?

**A.** The 4<sup>th</sup> week of Spring quarter.

**Q.** Can campus departments get funding from TGIF?

**A.** We don’t fund departments but we do fund projects that are housed in specific departments that have faculty or staff that are helping to lead the projects. We will provide wages for undergraduate students, but not for the faculty.

**Q.** Do you have any feedback from past voting cycles as to why people didn’t want to vote for TGIF?

**A.** Students don’t want to vote for new fees, or don’t want to vote for a fee that lasts 10 years. Also, when students are voting they don’t read the entirety of what TGIF does, they just see that it’s a new fee.

**Q.** If this does pass, would it be another 10 years before it’s voted on again?

**A.** Yes.

**Q.** Do you have information on when this was voted on initially? Did it pass with flying colors?

**A.** I am not sure what the percentage was. But when it did pass, there was another really big basic needs ASUCD type fee, and there was a lot of advertisement and promotion on campus.

**Co-chair comment.** In Winter 2016, it passed with 61.72% and a 21% turnout.

**Q.** Do you have any plans to help reach the threshold?

**A.** We have a referendum task force with a few people on the committee. We will be tabling 3 weeks up to the election. We’ll put flyers and table tents in the dorms and CoHo. A few of our student members may go before there classes encouraging everyone to vote. We’ll have videos on the screen in the CoHo. We will also be a part of the ASUCD Elections Initiative committee so we can play a larger role in the engagement initiatives, so we can know what they are doing.

**Q.** What was the thinking behind increasing the length of the TGIF fee?

**A.** It helps to make it administratively easier to have it for 10 years versus 5. It’s hard to plan for the future with limited funds. Having to do this process where we might not receive funds for 2 years, every 5 years is not efficient for a program as small as ours. And the fee is increasing because of increased cost of staffing.

**Q.** How do you decide which projects to fund?

**A.** The voting members of the committee, undergraduates and 1 graduate, will vote.

**Q.** Do you know if ASUCD is going to increase the marketing this Spring?

**A.** Hopefully we will learn soon what the plan is.

6. 12:20 – 12:30

**ASUCD Fee Council Discussion**

Co-Chairs

7. 12:35

**Distribution of ASUCD Fee Survey / Verification of Receipt**

Co-Chairs

Action Item #: 2023-029

All members in attendance confirmed receipt of the survey in the email. Survey is due Sunday night by 11:59 pm.

8. 12:35

**Announcements**

- ASUCD Fee Survey is due Sunday night by 11:59 pm
- Biweekly timesheets are due next Friday, March 3
- Next regular COSAF meeting is **Friday, March 10**
  - TGIF Fee Discussion & Comments
  - Student Programming Funds presentations, Round #1

*Meeting adjourned*