

# COSAF Assessment and Recommendations

## The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF)

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*As the oversight body for The Green Initiative Fund, the Council on Student Affairs and Fees has provided the following written feedback regarding TGIF's annual report, presented on 3/8/19.*

- The mission is helpful. They seem to fund projects rather liberally. I would want to investigate their approval process.
- Thanks for presenting! Your presentation would be strengthened if you included some project photos/videos in future years. Sounds like a pretty cool program.
- I would have liked to hear TGIF funding more significant projects that are doing more impactful things for substantiality. As good as it is to plant climate friendly trees, I would like to see more.
- I really liked their presentation and loved hearing about all their projects. The grants they provide fund unique projects that greatly benefit the student body. Environmental awareness is very important and I think it is a positive program. I would like to see how many grants are approved a quarter and see the end numbers but overall I liked them.
- I think TGIF is an amazing opportunity for students to fund personal sustainability projects. This is especially important on a campus that values being environmentally friendly.
- As the carry forward decreases, how can TGIF minimize expenses to be able to maximize awards?
- TGIF has a great organization. I understand they just started so they are still getting organized but I would have wanted more info about grant recipients and the whole application process because as stated this may be the first grant that many students write.
- I think that TGIF is a crucial thing on our campus considering we are having so many issues with our environment. I also love that it's aimed at undergrads because they need those kind of resources when going out into a real career field.
- The financials are very unclear. Try to adjust the format to make losses and income clear.
- I really was not impressed with how the TGIF funds have been used so far. Other than planting sustainable trees, none of the projects that the presentations mentioned seemed particularly related to environmentalism. I just do not see the value of this program.
- In general, I am supportive of TGIF. UC Davis is one of the top universities in the world, in environmental sciences; we are also one of the most ecofriendly schools in the U.S. I would like to see more efforts being made to bring awareness to TGIF grants, however. And possibly a more detailed breakdown of how funds are allocated for this.

- Perhaps next time you could include some videos/photos of funded projects. It would also be nice to have an outline of what benchmarks a project would have to meet.
- No comments, I would like to see a list of funded projects and thoughts/reasoning behind approval.
- I appreciated how in-depth of the grant allocation process the presenters went into. Giving specific examples of projects the TGIF has funded was insightful as well.
- I think the TGIF does really great work. I do wish that they worked on improving their marketing and advertising for the kinds of events they support.
- The annual report is reasonable and well-justified. The grants benefit undergrads the most. This is a very good initiative. Since there is a large amount of carry forward, the department may consider funding more proposals that are led by undergraduate students.
- I think this was a very informative session and I find that TGIF is a fund with benefits for students and the environment. They seem to have a handle of their financials as well.
- The TGIF presentation showed that the committee has expanded the outreach for student applications, the committee form, and started granting money to applicants for their projects. I like that the committee has a grant workshop to help applicants refine their ideas which is important for students as first time grant applicants. I also approve of year round applications so that students have the opportunity to start their projects as soon as they can. I would like to know more about professor outreach to see if there is room for improvement.
- Still have a lot of carry-forward right now (even if it is decreasing). Some cost is bigger in the starting phase and cost less to maintain. As the education goes on, the awareness of protecting environment increases, it gets easier to keep it than the beginning, so that cost may also decrease. (Otherwise the education method needs to be improved). There is a limit of the ability to support research projects always.