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# Recap on The Green Initiative Fund

- Provide funds to UC Davis students, faculty, and staff to develop and lead projects to enhance campus sustainability measures. **Projects must have undergraduate involvement and/or benefits.**
- Quarterly student fee established by a Winter Quarter 2016 Student Referendum
  - \$3 undergrad fees started collecting Fall 2016
  - Grant cycles started Fall 2017
- Committee members – voting: 6 students, 1 staff; non-voting, ex-officio: 1 COSAF, 1 ASUCD-EPPC, 2 Sustainability Office

# TGIF Grant Process

- Award Amounts - \$200 to \$20,000
- 3 Grant Cycles Annually
- Array of Topics – 17 UN SDGs
  - Food Security and Recovery
  - Farming & Gardens
  - Habitat Restoration & Native Landscaping
  - Climate Neutrality
  - Environmental & Climate Justice
  - Energy Conservation & Efficiency
  - Transportation
  - Water Conservation
  - Water Quality Monitoring
  - Zero Waste
  - Education & Behavioral Change
  - Environmental Education
  - Mindful Self Care



# UC Davis TGIF Committee - 2021-22



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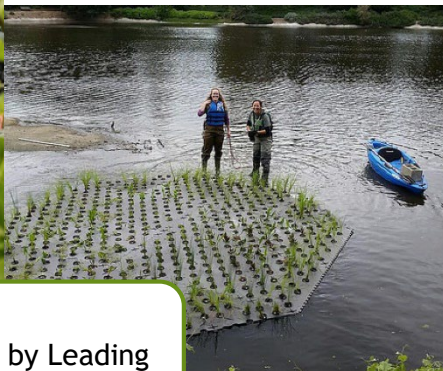


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# The TGIF Impact: Community & Collaboration

- ▶ Wide variety of projects
  - ▶ Infrastructure to Research to Events to Resources
- ▶ Direct *and indirect* impact, multiplicative effect



## Arboretum Floating Island

Ongoing opportunities for research, Learning by Leading program, service & educational opportunities.



The **Climate Justice Video Series**, published by Estudios Planeteando, is a 10-video series to teach viewers about how climate change affects vulnerable populations and what climate justice means.

# The TGIF Impact: Career & Experiential Learning

- ▶ Multiple ways to develop leadership skills with TGIF
  - ▶ TGIF Committee
  - ▶ Project Leadership



Food Recovery Network

“Not many undergraduate students worldwide can say I sat on committee that granted \$200,000 worth of sustainability grants.”  
- former TGIF Committee Member

“[Implementing our TGIF funded project] bolstered my sense of efficacy, helped me gain unique event planning skills, and connected me with amazing undergraduates and experts in the climate field.”  
- former TGIF Grant Recipient

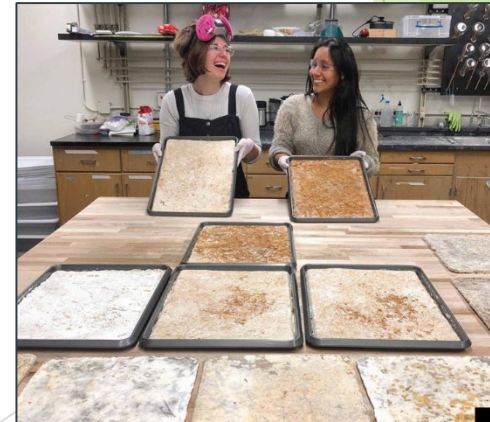
“Being a part of the committee was really a learning experience. I learned so much from reading grants, understanding the dynamics behind decision making and the energy it takes to follow up and work on the logistics to make these projects possible.”  
- former TGIF Committee Member



# TGIF Grants - Example Highlight

## DIY Eco Materials Library

- ❖ Goals: Educational library of eco materials; sustainable design
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> place Role Model Award Winner – Parson School of Design





# Current Status

- Over 100 projects funded since 2017
- ~\$650,000 in funding distributed to date
- TGIF Committee currently managing ~40 active awards

- **Prior to** pandemic, AY 2019-20

- Proposal requests totaling ~\$535,000
  - Awards totaled ~\$295,000

\*\*\* 3<sup>rd</sup> year of proposal solicitation\*\*\*

- **During** pandemic AY 2020-21

- Proposal requests totaling ~\$191,000
  - Awards totaled ~\$110,000

Continued demand, in spite of disruptions

# TGIF Growth & Improvement

- ▶ Challenges and opportunities due to and in spite of the pandemic
  - ▶ Increased complexity of project management duties (e.g. project changes, timeline extensions, ensuring appropriate stewardship of TGIF student fees)
  - ▶ Continuous improvement of policies & procedures, “real-time” decision making
- ▶ Enhanced outreach and social media
  - ▶ Online office hours and grant advising
  - ▶ Instagram @tgifuccdavis
  - ▶ Facebook @tgif.ucdavis

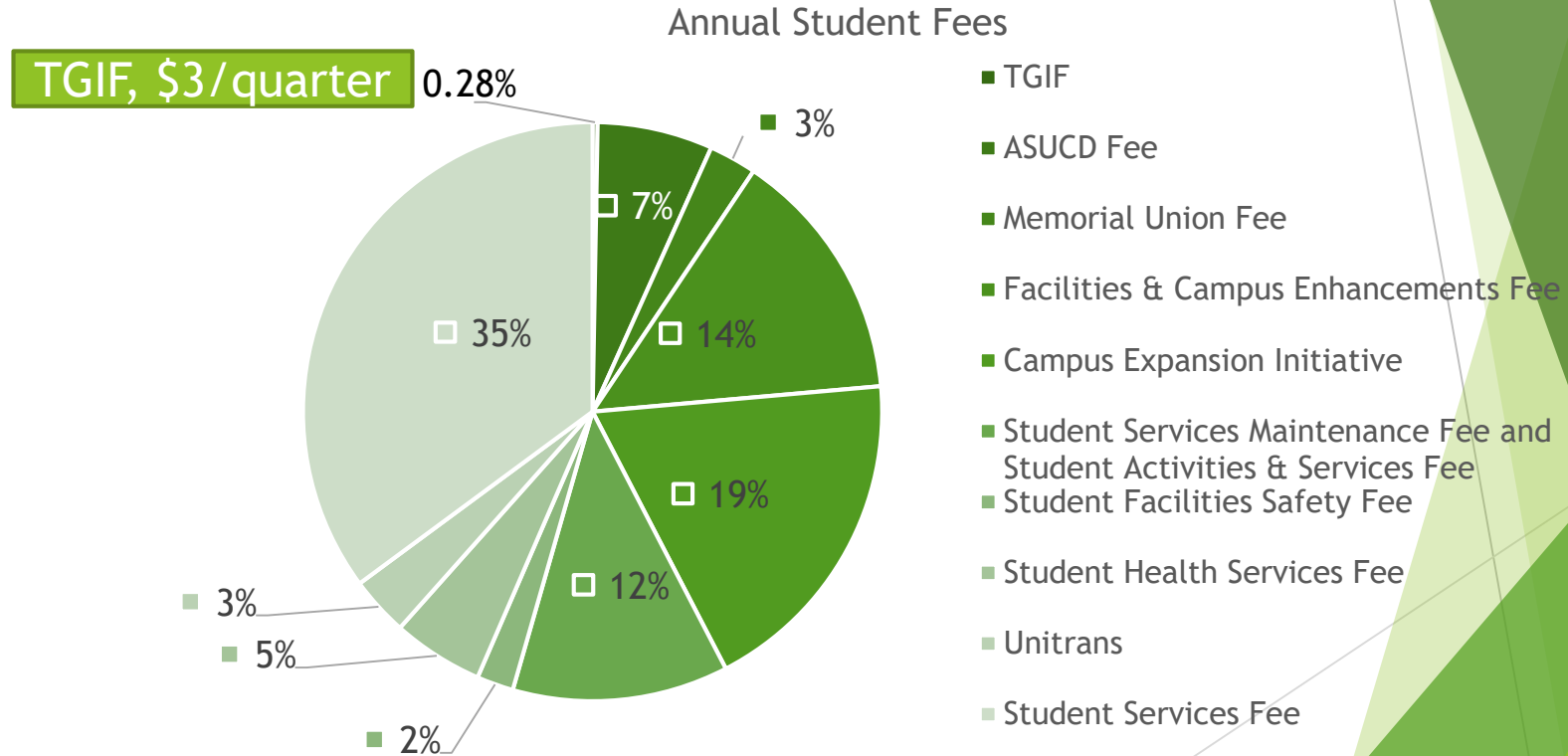


“Fungtopia Sustainability”  
Student researchers preparing samples for fungal inoculation.

“Aggies Grow Veggies”  
Featured in [College of Ag news article](#)  
YouTube: @aggiesgrow  
Pivoted from in-person to online sustainable gardening education outreach



# TGIF Fee: Fall 2016-Spring 2021

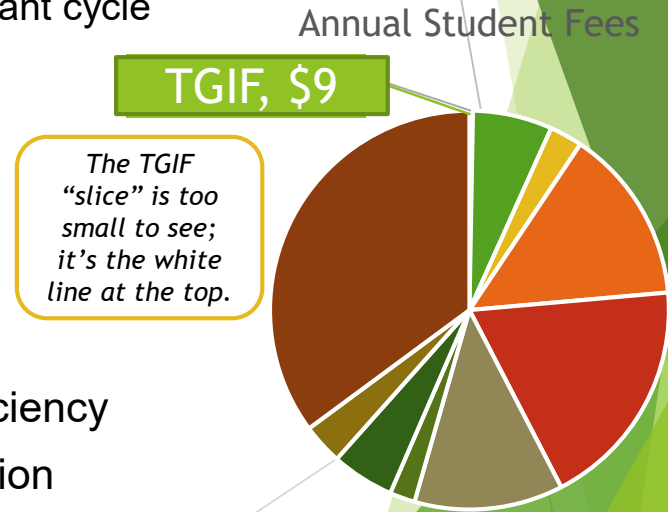


# TGIF Income Statement

	Actuals	Projected
	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022
Prior Year Carryforward	\$287,509.29	\$ 333,564.61
Income to TGIF	\$ 204,735.48	\$ 723.43
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 492,244.77</b>	<b>\$ 334,288.04</b>
Total Awards & Encumbrances	\$ (121,606.86)	\$ (219,427.68)
Total Expenses	\$ (37,073.30)	\$ (55,131.01)
<b>Total Awards and Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ (158,680.16)</b>	<b>\$ (274,558.69)</b>
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>\$ 46,055.32</b>	<b>\$ (273,835.26)</b>
<b>Fiscal Year Carryforward:</b>	<b>\$ 333,564.61</b>	<b>\$ 59,729.35</b>

# The Future of TGIF

- Ratified in 2016, expired in Spring 2021, fee no longer collected
- Spring 2021 referendum did not have a high-enough voter turnout to pass (though 2/3rds majority of those voting were in favor)
- Stewarding remaining funds to manage through AY 2022-23
  - No new grants will be given, post Spring 2022 grant cycle
- Future depends on the outcome of fee renewal
  - *Now Fall 2022; collection not until Fall 2023*
- If referendum *fails*...
  - TGIF sunsets in AY 2022-23
- If referendum *passes*...
  - Invest in maximizing grant management efficiency
  - Enhance outreach, partnership, & collaboration
  - Increase grant opportunities



# Bridging TGIF: Maintaining Operations

## Important considerations

- ▶ Continue to steward remaining student fees appropriately
  - ▶ Provide oversight to projects to ensure adherence to TGIF and UCD fiscal policies
  - ▶ Manage through *many* lingering disruptions of pandemic
- ▶ Maintain TGIF Committee as required by Bylaws

## Bridging AY 2021-22 (currently)

- ▶ Still soliciting proposals and offering funding - ***at reduced levels***
- ▶ Using carryforward and pandemic cost-savings to fund awards this AY
- ▶ Outreach campaign for broadening TGIF awareness in preparation for referendum

## Bridging AY 2022-23 (next year)

- ▶ No new grant proposals are planned to be funded
- ▶ Using carryforward to maintain grant manager and TGIF Committee to continue to support existing projects through completion



# Referendum: TGIF Fee Renewal *Reinstatement* Spring 2021 Fall 2022

Table 1: Proposed Quarterly Fee, by Academic Year (AY)\*

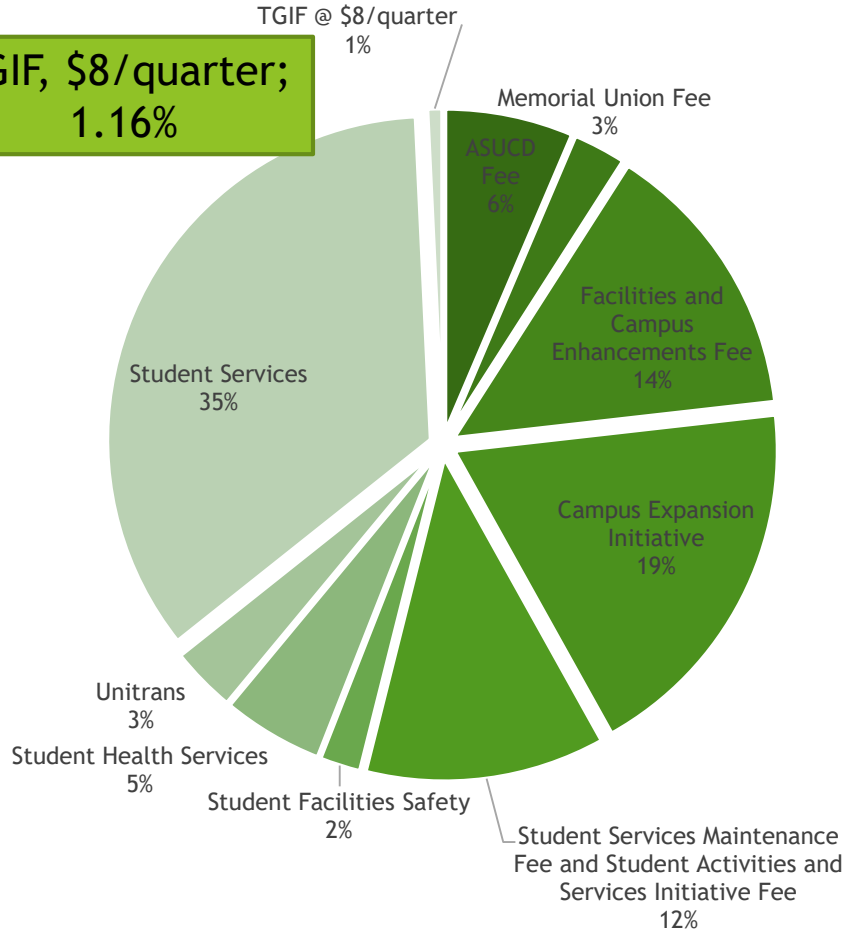
Academic Year	Fee per Student <b>per</b> <b>Quarter</b>	Return-to-Aid (25%)	TGIF Funds
2023-24	\$ 3.50	\$0.88	\$2.63
2024-25	\$ 4.00	\$1.00	\$3.00
2025-26	\$ 4.50	\$1.13	\$3.38
2026-27	\$ 5.00	\$1.25	\$3.75
2027-28	\$ 5.50	\$1.38	\$4.13
2028-29	\$ 6.00	\$1.50	\$4.50
2029-30	\$ 6.50	\$1.63	\$4.88
2030-31	\$ 7.00	\$1.75	\$5.25
2031-32	\$ 7.50	\$1.88	\$5.63
2032-33	\$ 8.00	\$2.00	\$6.00

## Note

- Very modest initial increase in fee; from \$3/quarter to \$3.50/quarter
- Previously, no increase since 2016 when originally ratified
- Referendum in Fall 2022, but collection would not start until Fall 2023

# Proposed TGIF fee: Max in 2032-33 *per new referendum*

TGIF, \$8/quarter;  
1.16%



- ASUCD Fee
- Memorial Union Fee
- Facilities and Campus Enhancements Fee
- Campus Expansion Initiative
- Student Services Maintenance Fee and Student Activities and Services Initiative Fee
- Student Facilities Safety
- Student Health Services
- Unitrans

# Discussion

- ▶ Any questions?
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# TGIF Projections through AY 22-23

	Projected	Projected
	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Prior Year Carryforward	\$ 333,564.61	\$ 59,729.35
Student Fee Income to TGIF	\$ 723.43	\$ 0
Return of Unspent Funds	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 369,288.04</b>	<b>\$ 64,729.35</b>
Total New Awards (reduced)	\$ (141,000.00)	\$ 0
Encumbered Award Funds	\$ (113,427.68)	\$ 0
Total Expenses	\$ (55,131.01)	\$ (54,802.80)
<b>Total Awards and Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ (309,558.69)</b>	<b>\$ (54,802.80)</b>
<b>Carryforward</b>	<b>\$ 59,729.35</b>	<b>\$ 9,926.55*</b>

# Income and Return to Financial Aid

	Actuals	Projected
	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022
Prior Year Carryforward	\$ 287,509.29	\$ 333,564.61
Income to TGIF	\$ 204,735.48	\$ 723.43
Total Income	\$ 492,244.77	\$ 334,288.04
Returned Financial Aid	\$ 66,817.59	\$ 12.96
Total Student Fees Collected	\$ 271,553.07	\$ 736.39

# Funds Distribution and Allocation

## TGIF AWARDS

	Actuals	Projected
	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022
Outstanding Award Funds (Encumbrances)	\$ 69,395.19	\$ 113,427.68
Return of Unused Funds	\$ (1,757.67)	\$ (35,000.00)
2020-21 Grants (COVID impact)	\$ 53,969.34	
2021-22 Grants (projected)		\$ 141,000.00
Net Total Awards	<u>\$ 121,606.86</u>	<u>\$ 219,427.68</u>



# Funds Distribution and Allocation

## TGIF EXPENDITURES

	Actuals	Projected
	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022
Grant Manager, staff (salaries/benefits)	\$ 30,848.30	\$ 44,150.11
Student Assistant (salaries/benefits)	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,480.90
Committee Stipends	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Supplies and Expenses	\$ 225.00	\$ 2,500.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 37,073.30	\$ 55,131.01