



**Referendum Presentation to COSAF
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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: 5 students; non-voting, ex-officio: 1 COSAF, 1 ASUCD-EPPC, 2 Sustainability Office

TGIF Grant Process

- Award Amounts - \$200 to \$20,000
- 3 Grant Cycles per year, typically
- Array of Topics – 17 UN SDGs



Suzuki WaterWay

Set up trap cameras in the Arboretum to study the water way wildlife. This was a pilot study of mammal distribution in the Arboretum with 4 undergraduate and 1 Humphrey Fellow researchers.

Aggie Trading Post

This was a small \$200 grant to purchase more clothing racks and bins. This led to an increased number of clothing donation and trade events on and off campus.



Granted Projects Database

The Green Initiative Fund > Granted Projects > Granted Projects Database

Welcome to the Granted Projects Database

Here you'll find information for all of the 100+ projects that TGIF has funded since Fall 2017. These projects have been implemented by students, faculty, and staff from a wide variety of majors and departments.

Grant cycle

Select Value +

Select one or more grant cycles.

Grant funding amount

Select Value +











Select one or more.

UN Sustainable Development Goals

Select Value +

Select one or more goals associated with the projects.

Apply

Project	Image	Grant amount:	Grant cycle:▼	UN Sustainable Development Goals	Project leaders:	Location:
AMAT Environmental Aircraft		\$10001-20000	Winter 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duha Bader Aerospace Science and Engineering, AMAT Captain • Holly J Oldroyd Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering • Alexander Forrest Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering 	UC Davis
Aggie House		\$10001-20000	Winter 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baoviet Nguyen Human Biology • Ashley Lo Economics & Political Science • Allie O'Brien Sociology and Political Science • Katie Shen Genetics & Genomics 	Multifaith Living Community on Russel Blvd
Residence Halls Compost Bins		\$0-1000	Winter 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alyssa Corrie Design • Morgan Olsen Design 	Kearney Hall
California Academy of Sciences Tour		\$1001-5000	Winter 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kimberly Quintero Felix Ecological Management and Restoration • Amida Verhey Environmental Science and Management • Jesus Gonzalez Cruz English and Sociology 	California Academy of Science
Nitrate Monitoring		\$5001-	Winter			Arboretum Water Way

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TGIF Projections through AY 23-24

	Actuals	Projected
	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
Prior Year Carryforward	\$ 198,676.05	\$ 77,705.33
Income to TGIF	\$ 42	\$ 0
Return of Unspent Funds	\$ 38,081.43	\$ 22,000.00*
Total Income:	\$ 236,715.48	\$ 99,705.33
Total New Awards (reduced)	\$ (43,403.63)	\$ (50,932.37)*
Encumbered Award Funds	\$ (50,917.78)	\$ (7050.00)
Total Expenses	\$ (64,688.74)	\$ (41,720.96)
Total Awards and Expenses:	\$ (159,010.15)	\$ (99,705.33)
Carryforward	\$ 77,705.33	\$ 0*

Current Status of TGIF

TGIF held one grant cycle this AY. Deadline was 11/13 at 5pm

TGIF received 8 grant applications totaling over \$116K.

*assumptions about (1) returned funds from under budget projects and (2) we fund projects to our fullest potential

The Future of TGIF

The TGIF student fee ratified in 2016 expired in Spring 2021.

TGIF fee has not been collected since that time.

Referendum Renewals:

Attempted Spring 2021

Outcome

- ▶ 20% participation threshold required – 7.17%; **NOT ACHIEVED**
- ▶ Majority “Yes” votes – 67% Yes; **ACHIEVED**

Attempted Fall 2022

Outcome

- ▶ 20% participation threshold required – 5.8%; **NOT ACHIEVED**
 - ▶ Majority “Yes” votes – 79.8% Yes; **ACHIEVED**
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Attempted Spring 2023

Outcome

- ▶ 20% participation threshold required – 15.96%; **NOT ACHIEVED**
- ▶ Majority “Yes” votes – 81.92% Yes; **ACHIEVED**

TGIF Fee Spring 2024 Election

- ▶ Summary of *new* TGIF Fee Referendum:
 - ▶ Increase to \$3.50 quarterly TGIF fee, effective AY 2024-25
 - ▶ Increase quarterly fee by \$0.50 annually thereafter for ten years
 - ▶ 25% return to aid
- ▶ Meet inflationary rise in costs for operating expenses
- ▶ Meet required increases in wages and benefits for career staff and student assistant wages

Note

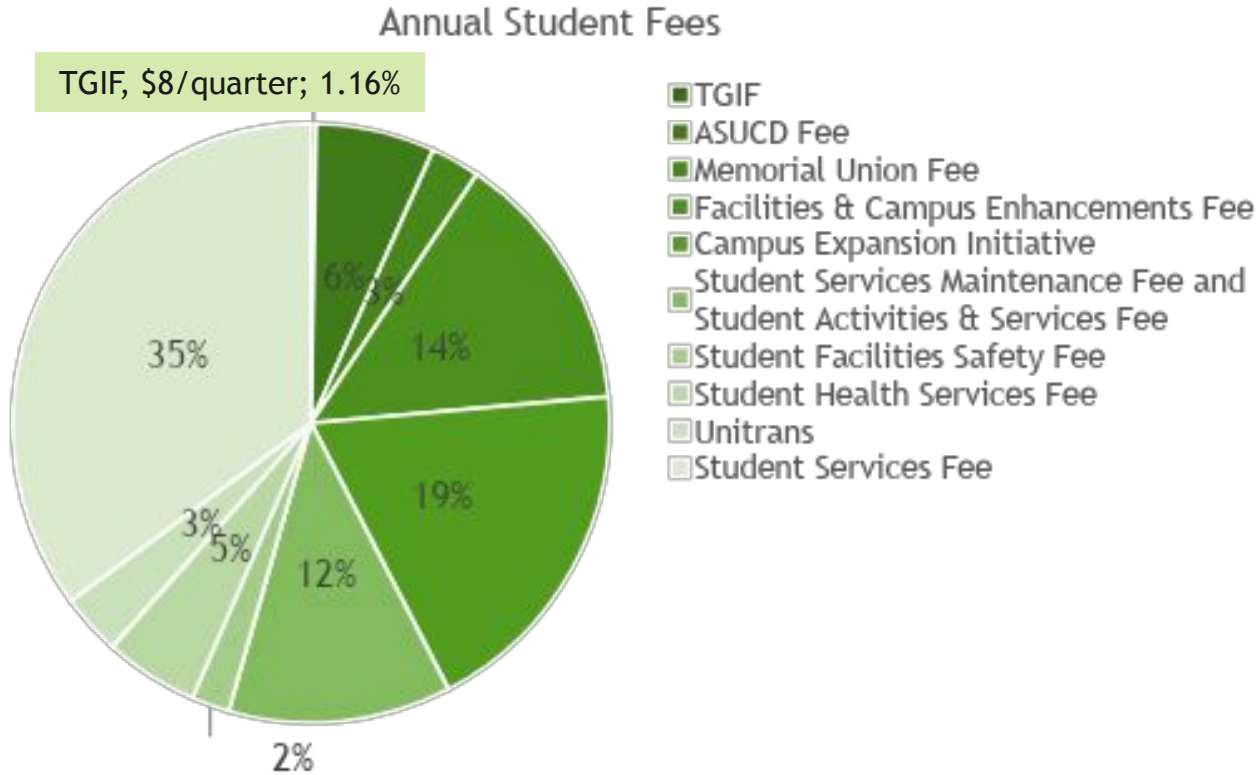
- Very modest initial increase in fee; from \$3/quarter to \$3.50/quarter
- When originally ratified, no planned increases were included

TGIF Fee *Reinstatement* Spring 2024 Election

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

Academic Year	Fee per Student per Quarter	Return-to-Aid (25%)	TGIF Funds
2023-24	\$ 3.50	\$0.88	\$2.62
2024-25	\$ 4.00	\$1.00	\$3.00
2025-26	\$ 4.50	\$1.13	\$3.37
2026-27	\$ 5.00	\$1.25	\$3.75
2027-28	\$ 5.50	\$1.38	\$4.12
2028-29	\$ 6.00	\$1.50	\$4.50
2029-30	\$ 6.50	\$1.63	\$4.87
2030-31	\$ 7.00	\$1.75	\$5.25
2031-32	\$ 7.50	\$1.88	\$5.62
2032-33	\$ 8.00	\$2.00	\$6.00

TGIF @ \$8/quarter: Max fee (2033-34) per new referendum



The Future of TGIF Recap

- Ratified in 2016, expired in Spring 2021, fee no longer collected
- Spring 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023 referendum did not have a high-enough voter turnout to pass (though all three attempts majority was in favor)
- All remaining funds, from prior years, will be exhausted this year.
- Future depends on the outcome of fee reinstatement
 - *Now Spring 2024; collection not until Fall 2025*
- If referendum *fails*...
 - TGIF sunsets at the end of this AY (2023-2024)
- If referendum *passes*...
 - Invest in maximizing grant management efficiency
 - Enhance outreach, partnership, & collaboration
 - Increase grant opportunities

PolyCarbin Recycling



Suzuki WaterWay



Discussion

- ❖ TGIF Website:
 - ❖ tgif.ucdavis.edu
- ❖ Granted Projects Database:
 - ❖ tgif.ucdavis.edu/database_summary
- ❖ Any questions?
- ❖ Email us: tgif@ucdavis.edu

