



**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: 7 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 - 2020-21



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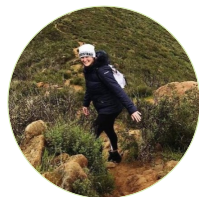
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TGIF 2020-21: Developments & Innovations

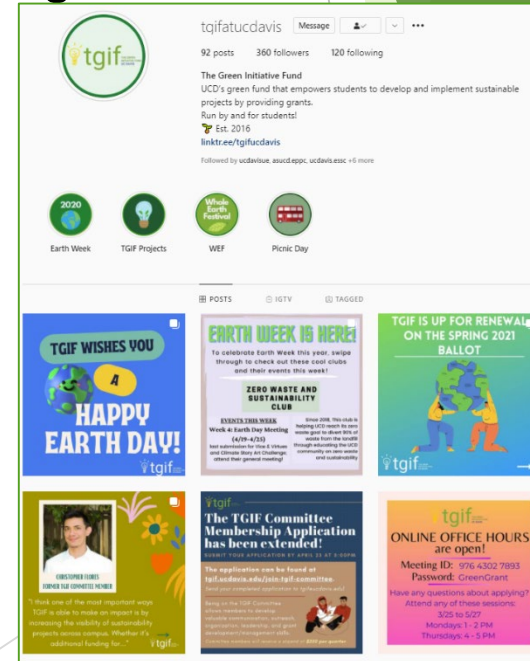
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TGIF 2020-21: Developments & Innovations

- Augmented online Office Hours and grant advising
 - Weekly OH offered by Grant Project Advising Subcommittee via Zoom; will continue even after we're back on the ground

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 - Instagram @tgifuccdavis
 - Facebook @tgif.ucdavis



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 - Currently open – March 29 – May 31
 - Accommodating uncertainty related to imminent return to campus

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 - Extensive collaboration with *many* campus partners
 - Challenging time to *Get Out the Vote*

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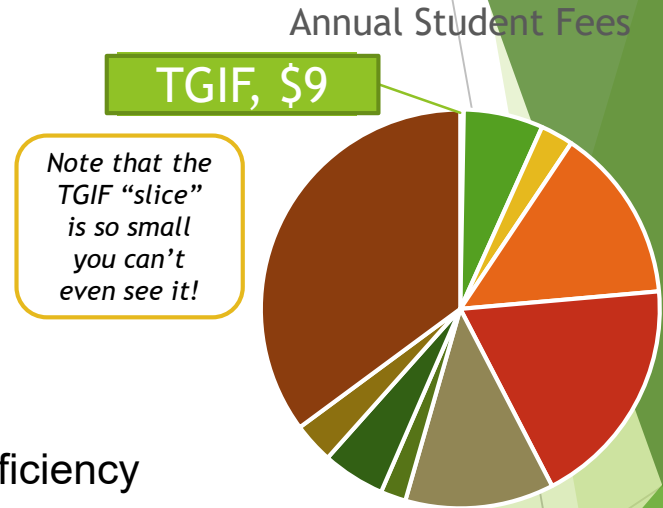
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- ... Covid-19 disruptions

Covid-19: Challenges & Opportunities

- ▶ Almost all projects are on hold
- ▶ Increased complexity of project management duties
 - ▶ Timeline extensions
 - ▶ Budget reallocations
 - ▶ Shifts in Project Leads
 - ▶ Implementation challenges
- ▶ Currently active grants have almost tripled
 - ▶ New proposals funded during pandemic, timeline extension of previously funded projects
- ▶ Complex project management demands has led to
 - ▶ Improved procedures & efficiencies
 - ▶ Impressive collaboration amongst TGIF Committee
 - ▶ New adaptations and innovations applicable to beyond the pandemic

The Future of TGIF

- Depends on the outcome of fee renewal
 - *May 10-13, ASUCD Elections*
- If referendum *fails*...
 - Another renewal attempt when possible
- If referendum *passes*...
 - Invest in maximizing grant management efficiency
 - Enhance outreach, partnership, & collaboration
 - Increased grant opportunities, maximum grant awards



The TGIF Impact

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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 Freedges are a platform for other organizations (especially those in the food system) to incorporate. ... Yolo Farm to Fork (YF2F) has donated to these Freedges garden grown vegetables and fruit from Woodland.” - TGIF Committee Member

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

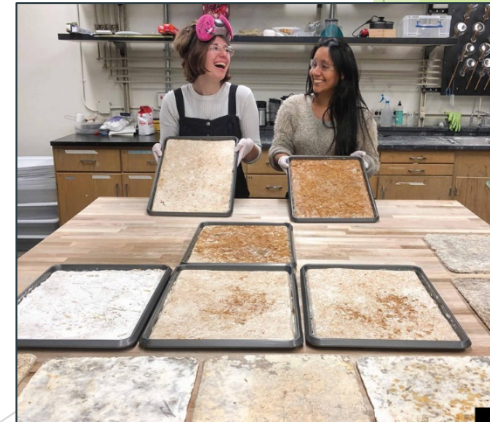
“[Implementing our TGIF funded project] bolstered my sense of efficacy, helped me gain unique event planning skills, and connected me with amazing undergraduates and experts in the climate field.”
- former TGIF Grant Recipient

“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 - highlights

DIY Eco Materials Library

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



TGIF Income Statement, 2019-20

	Actuals	Projected
	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021
Prior Year Carryforward	\$305,206.57	\$ 287,509.29
Income to TGIF	\$ 209,151.73	\$ 198,845.60
Total Income:	\$ 514,358.30	\$ 486,354.89
Total Awards	\$ (197,245.89)	\$ (161,226.73)
Total Expenses	\$ (29,603.12)	\$ (41,935.60)
Total Awards and Expenses:	\$ (226,849.01)	\$ (203,162.33)
Net Income:	\$ (17,697.28)	\$ (4,316.73)
Fiscal Year Carryforward:	\$ 287,509.29	\$ 283,192.56

Discussion

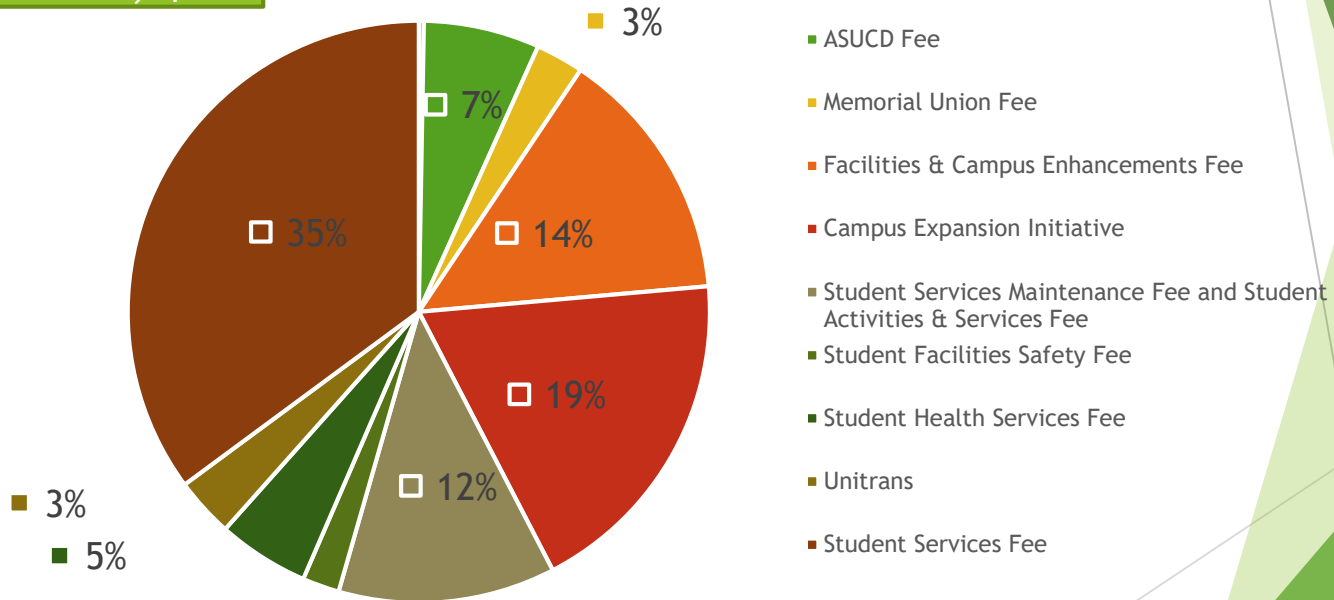
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The Future of TGIF

TGIF, \$9

Annual Student Fees



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

Income and Return to Financial Aid

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Income to TGIF	\$ 209,151.73	\$ 198,845.60
Total Income	\$ 514,358.30	\$ 486,354.89
Returned Financial Aid	\$ 67,085.30	\$ 66,245.89
<i>Total Student Fees Collected</i>	<i>\$ 276,237.10</i>	<i>\$ 265,091.34</i>

Funds Distribution and Allocation

TGIF AWARDS

	FY 201-2020	FY 2020-2021*
2019-20 Awards	\$ 197,245.89	
2019-20 Return of Unused Funds	\$ (18,769.17)	
2019-20 Remaining Funds Distribution		\$ 49,881.25
2020 Fall Grant Cycle		\$ 18,000.00
2021 Winter Grant Cycle		\$ 31,287.88
2021 Spring Grant Cycle (projected)		\$ 60,000.00
Net Total Awards	<u>\$ 139,853.24</u>	<u>\$ 161,226.73</u>

** Projected*

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TGIF EXPENDITURES

	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021*
Grant Manager, staff (salaries/benefits)	\$ 24,385.28	\$ 30,478.60
Student Assistant (salaries/benefits)	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,332.00
Committee Stipends	\$ 3,580.00	\$ 6,750.00
Supplies and Expenses	\$ 1,637.84	\$ 375.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 29,603.12</u>	<u>\$ 41,935.60</u>

** Projected*