



**Referendum Presentation to COSAF  
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- The background of the slide features abstract, overlapping green geometric shapes, primarily triangles and polygons, in various shades of green, creating a modern and dynamic visual effect.
- ▶ TGIF Recap
  - ▶ TGIF Fee in Context
  - ▶ Current Status
  - ▶ The Future of TGIF
    - ▶ Spring 2021 Referendum Outcome
    - ▶ Future *Fall 2022* Referendum
    - ▶ Bridging TGIF & Maintaining Operations

# TGIF Grant Process

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



The Tercero Resident Garden established a garden & education programs for residents.



The Sheepmowers! project studies the effect of nature in urban environments and replaces gas-fueled lawnmowers and artificial pesticides with sheep.

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# The Future of TGIF

The TGIF student fee ratified in 2016 expired in Spring 2021.  
TGIF fee is currently (AY 21-22) *not* being collected.

# Referendum Renewal Attempted Spring 2021

## Outcome

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

# TGIF Fee ~~Renewal~~ *Reinstatement* Spring 2021 Fall 2022 Election

- ▶ Simplified and reduced scaled increase schedule
- ▶ Summary of *new* TGIF Fee Referendum:
  - ▶ Increase to \$3.50 quarterly TGIF fee, effective AY 2023-24
  - ▶ 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
- Previously, no increase since 2016 when originally ratified

# TGIF Fee ~~Renewal~~ Reinstatement Spring ~~2021~~ Fall 2022 Election

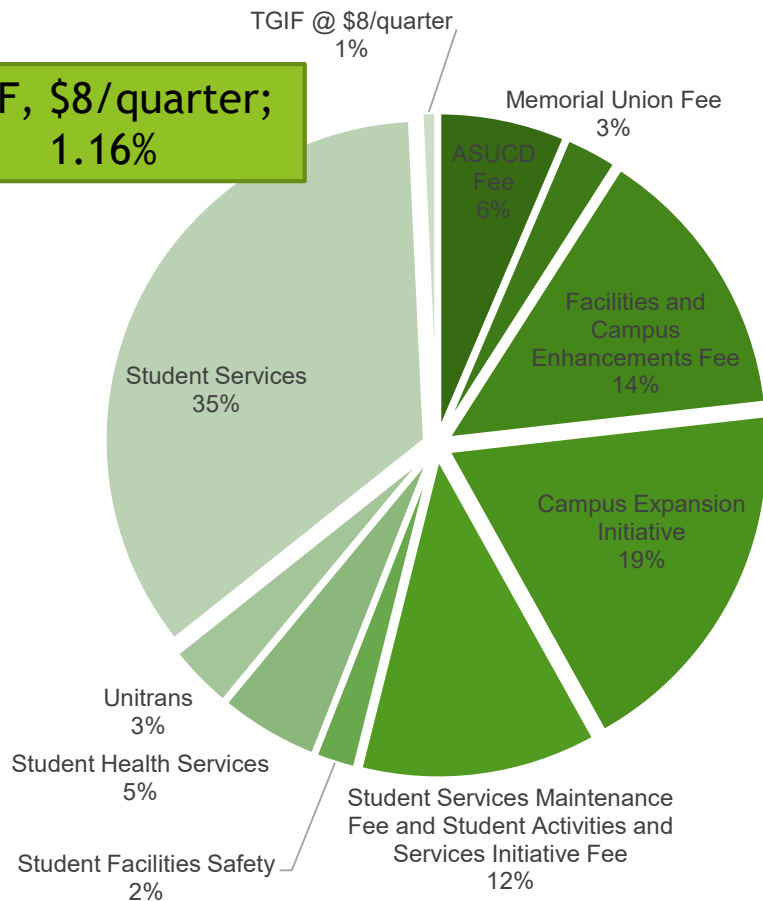
Table 1: Proposed Quarterly Fee, by Academic Year (AY)\*

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



# TGIF @ \$8/quarter: Max fee (2032-33) per new referendum

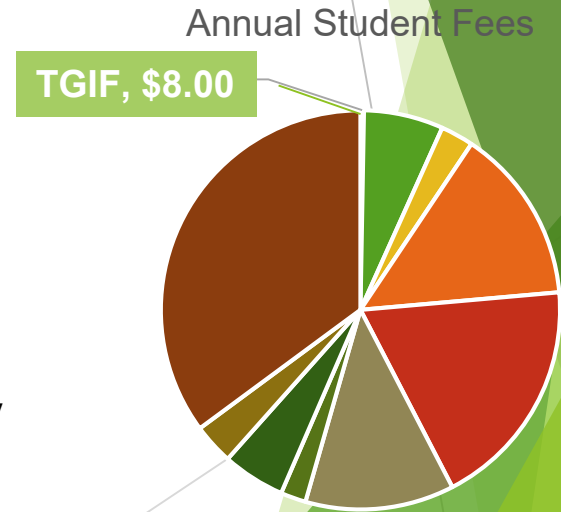
TGIF, \$8/quarter;  
1.16%



- 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
- Student Services
- TGIF @ \$8/quarter

# The Future of TGIF Recap

- 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 and potentially Fall 2023.
- Future depends on the outcome of fee reinstatement
  - *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



# Discussion

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