



**Presentation to COSAF**  
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- ▶ TGIF Fee in Context
- ▶ Current Status
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  - ▶ Spring 2021 & Fall 2022 Referendum Outcome
  - ▶ Future *Spring 2023* Referendum

# TGIF Grant Process

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



## AMAT Environmental Aircraft

With a focus on cost-effective and sustainable research, this project is designing a remote-controlled aircraft to conduct environmental-based research.



## Nitrate Monitoring

This project seeks to quantify Nitrate uptake by the floating Arboretum wetlands. One goal is to determine how much the islands have contributed to abating eutrophication.

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# The Future of TGIF

The TGIF student fee ratified in 2016 expired in Spring 2021.  
TGIF fee is currently (AY 22-23) *not* being collected.

# TGIF Projections through AY 22-23

	Actuals	Projected
	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Prior Year Carryforward	\$ 333,564.61	\$ 198,676.05
Income to TGIF	\$ 1,115.22	\$1,582.34
Return of Unspent Funds	\$ 37,223.18	\$ 20,000.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 371,903.01</b>	<b>\$ 220,258.39</b>
Total New Awards (reduced)	\$ (34,832.53)	\$ (60,870.78)
Encumbered Award Funds	\$ (89,505.96)	\$ (66,467.71)
Total Expenses	\$ (48,888.47)	\$ (58,522.00)
<b>Total Awards and Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ (173,226.96)</b>	<b>\$ (185,860.49)</b>
<b>Carryforward</b>	<b>\$ 59,729.35</b>	<b>\$ 34,397.90*</b>

# 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**

# TGIF Fee ~~Renewal~~ *Reinstatement* Spring 2021 Spring 2023 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



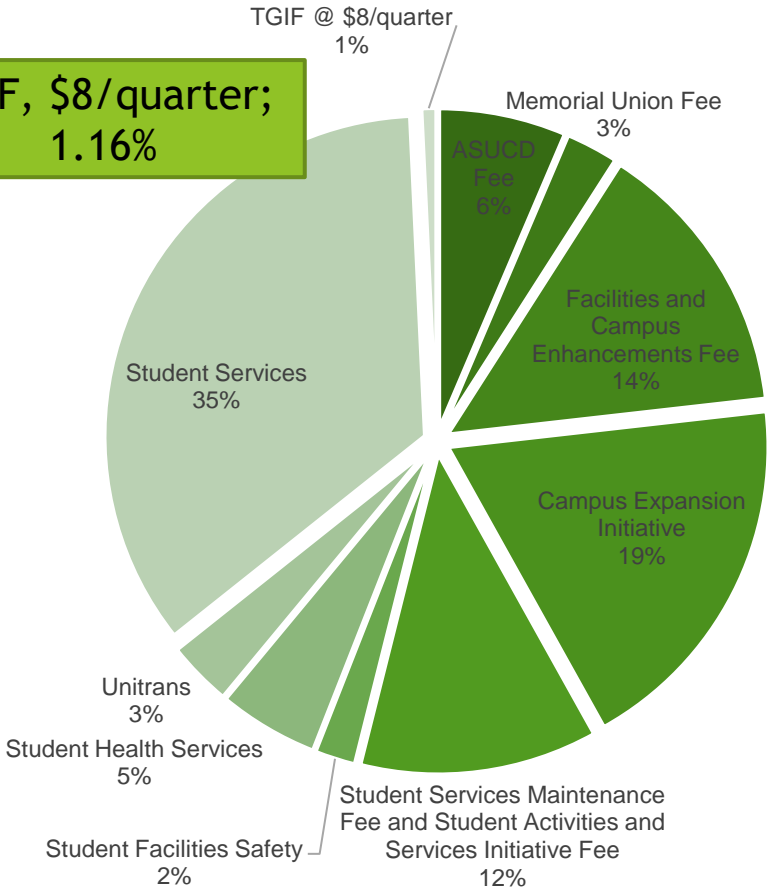
# TGIF Fee ~~Renewal~~ Reinstatement Spring ~~2021~~ Spring 2023 Election

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

Academic Year	Fee per Student <b>per 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

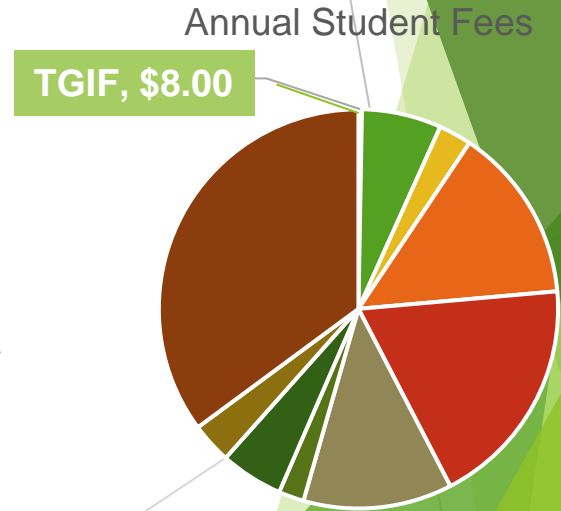
TGIF, \$8/quarter;  
1.16%



- 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 and Fall 2022 referendum did not have a high-enough voter turnout to pass (though both 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 2023; collection not until Fall 2023*
- If referendum *fails*...
  - TGIF sunsets at the end of this AY (2022-2023)
- If referendum *passes*...
  - Invest in maximizing grant management efficiency
  - Enhance outreach, partnership, & collaboration
  - Increase grant opportunities



# Discussion

- ❖ Any questions?
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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