

The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF)

COSAF Summary of Comments

TGIF Presentation, April 6, 2018

TGIF Initiative

- In Winter Quarter 2016, the initiative was presented to students and passed
- An undergraduate TGIF student fee (\$3.00 per quarter) began in the fall of 2016
- The TGIF committee and manager are required to report to COSAF annually

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Below are comments from COSAF members, following the TGIF presentation from Sarah Risher, TGIF Chair, on 4/6/18:

- Excellent program. They should spend more of their funds.
- The TGIF committee should do more to increase the awareness that these funds exist and be less cautious with the use of the money in order for student initiated sustainable projects to gain momentum, especially since little has been used to fund projects since the fee was implemented.
- Perhaps an outline for how grant oversight will be conducted could be created along with how completion benchmarks will be set for each of the grants. During the next TGIF presentation for COSAF, I would appreciate an overview of what specific grants have been completed in the past year.
- 1. I feel it is important that per the referendum a member of COSAF sit on the board of The Green Initiative Fund. This will allow COSAF to more closely monitor the activities of the fund, as well as ensure the proper interpretation of the fund guidelines.
2. I feel that more should be done to ensure the success of projects after the money has been disbursed to a project. This could include progress reports or even mid-point interviews/presentations by the grant recipients.
- I think The Green Initiative Fund is fundamentally a beneficial program at Davis. However, I think the way the fund operates could be improved. They said they have very few operating costs, so that portion of the budget can be lowered. I also don't understand why there is carry-forward in this fund; If money is being saved, it is money that is not being put to making our campus more environmentally friendly. If they are funding as many proposals as they foresee to be successful, but money is still left over, as it currently is, the \$3/quarter cost should be lowered.
- I do not have any recommendations.
- I support the fee because of the important contributions TGIF makes to the campus community. I hope the program will continue to prioritize sustainability and reducing waste as these are causes that are important to undergraduates.