

THE GREEN INITIATIVE FUND

2020-21

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS AND FEES (COSAF)

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1. AMOUNT OF ANNUAL DEPARTMENT REVENUE GENERATED BY THE TGIF FEE IN 2019-20: \$209,151.73

(NOTE: Includes Student Fee Assessment and STIP income; total student fees collected for 2019-20 were \$276,237.10, with return-to-financial-aid of \$67,085.37.)

2. 2019-20 USE OF FEE / 2020-21 PROJECTED USE OF FEE

(ADJUST EXPENSE TYPES AS NEEDED)

Expense	2019-20 Actuals	2020-21 Projected Allocation
Student Salaries <i>(including benefits)</i>	\$0	\$4,332
Staff Salaries <i>(including benefits)</i>	\$24,385.28	\$30,478.60
Equipment	\$0	\$0
Grant Awards*	\$158,622.41	\$109,287.88
Prior year Grants Remaining Fund Dist.	\$57,392.65	\$51,938.85
Supplies and Expenses	\$1,637.84	\$375.00
Student Committee Stipends	\$3,580.00	\$6,750.00
Contribution to Reserves	\$17,697.28	\$4,316.73
Return of Unused Grant Funds	\$18,769.17	\$0
Total Fee Revenue:	\$209,151.73	\$198,845.60

* TGIF gives out grants between \$200 and \$20,000; we no longer distinguish between mini and major grants, having learned after the first year of doing so that it did not work well.

3. PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ANY SUBSTANTIAL VARIANCE BETWEEN 2019-20 AND 2020-21:

We hired a grant manager (Carla Fresquez) and a student assistant. We paid a full year of committee stipends (stipends were instituted in mid-year 2019-20 to help promote equity). The pandemic response put many granted projects on pause, awaiting the ability of students to return to campus in person to continue their projects, and we experienced a reduction in grant proposals due to the remote study and work experience for students, faculty and staff.

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4. IF APPLICABLE, PLEASE PROVIDE PLANS FOR USE OF RESERVES LISTED UNDER ITEM #2:

TGIF will continue to give out grant awards; fund program expenses such as for marketing and outreach, pay for our program manager and student assistant; and pay committee stipends.

5. DESCRIBE TGIF'S ROLE AND FUNCTION ON CAMPUS.

(What Impact does it have on students? The UC Davis campus community?)

The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) was enacted by a student referendum Winter Quarter 2016. The aim of TGIF is to provide funding to enable students to have a greater impact on sustainability within the UC Davis campus and the immediate region.

The fund provides grants to projects that improve educational opportunities, promote environmental awareness, engage in sustainability research, advocate for climate and environmental justice, increase energy and water efficiency, reduce the amount of waste created on campus, and similar sustainability efforts.

TGIF funds are available only to UC Davis affiliated students, faculty, and staff. Every proposal submitted for consideration must articulate the undergraduate student role in conceptualizing the project or program proposed for funding, and must describe the undergraduate student role in the implementation of a funded project or program. A committee with an undergraduate student majority of voting members decides on awards, and proposals that benefit undergraduate students are prioritized.