



**Referendum Presentation to COSAF
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- ▶ TGIF Fee in Context
- ▶ Current Status
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 - ▶ Future *Fall 2022* Referendum
 - ▶ Bridging TGIF & Maintaining Operations

Recap on The Green Initiative Fund

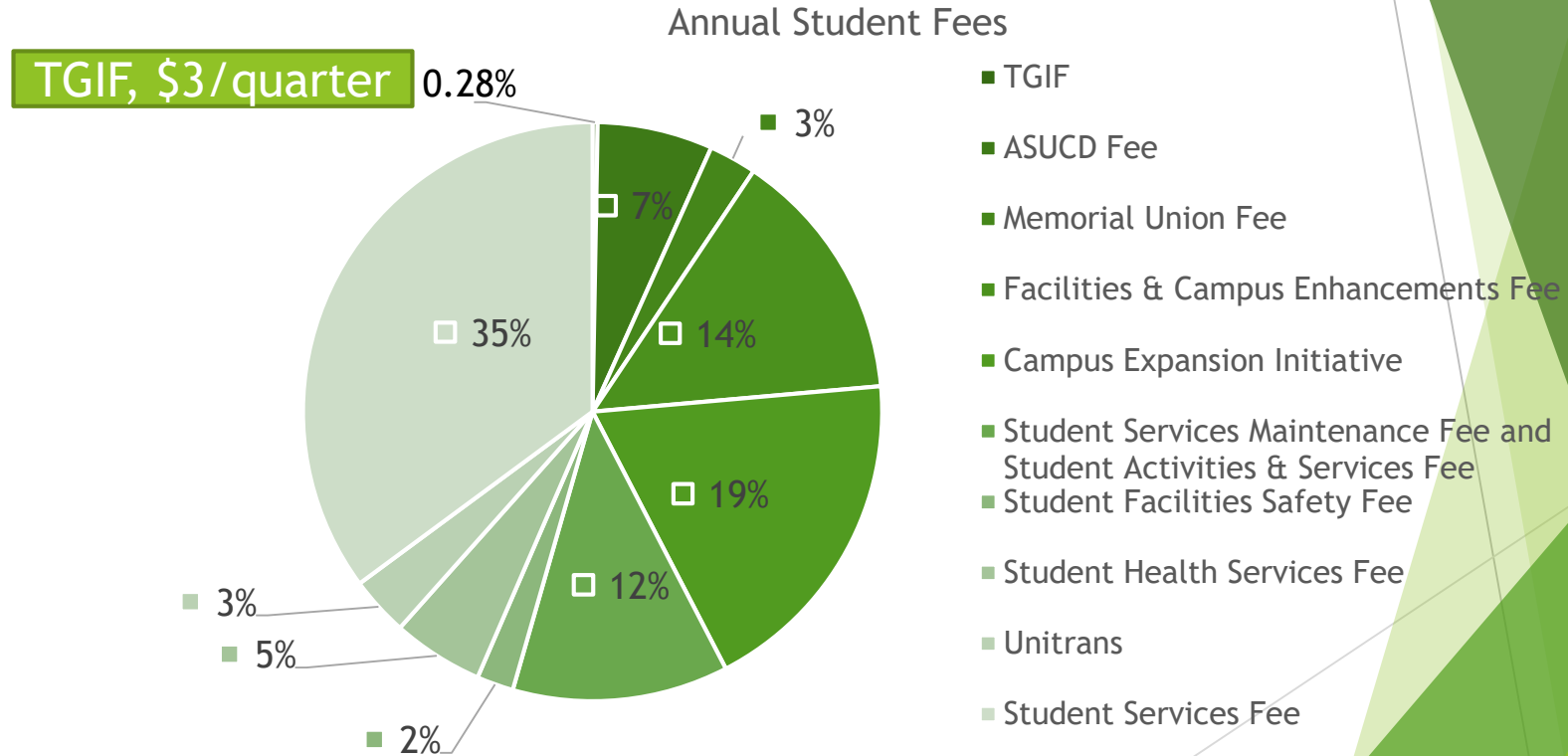
- Provide funds to UC Davis students, faculty, and staff to develop and lead projects to enhance campus sustainability measures. **Projects must have undergraduate involvement and/or benefits.**
- Quarterly student fee established by a Winter Quarter 2016 Student Referendum
 - \$3 undergrad fees started 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



TGIF Fee in context, @ \$3/quarter



Current Status: Where are we now?

- ~100 projects funded since 2017
- Over \$625,000 in funding distributed
- TGIF Committee currently managing ~40 active awards
- **Prior to** pandemic, AY 2019-20
 - Proposal requests totaling ~\$535,000
 - Awards totaled ~\$295,000
- **During** pandemic AY 2020-21
 - Proposal requests totaling ~\$191,000
 - Awards totaled ~\$110,000

*** 3rd year of proposal solicitation***

Continued demand, in spite of disruptions

UC Davis TGIF Committee - 2021-2022



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Environmental Policy
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COSAF Student
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TGIF Grant Manager &
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TGIF Growth & Improvement

- ▶ Challenges and opportunities due to and in spite of the pandemic
 - ▶ Increased complexity of project management duties (e.g. project changes, timeline extensions, ensuring appropriate stewardship of TGIF student fees)
 - ▶ Continuous improvement of policies & procedures, “real-time” decision making
- ▶ Enhanced social media and outreach
 - ▶ Instagram @tgifuccdavis
 - ▶ Facebook @tgif.ucdavis



“Fungtopia Sustainability”
Student researchers preparing samples for fungal inoculation.

“Aggies Grow Veggies”
Featured in [College of Ag news article](#)
YouTube: @aggiesgrow
Pivoted from in-person to online sustainable gardening education outreach



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

- ▶ Summary of 2021 Referendum:
 - ▶ Renewal of \$3.00 quarterly TGIF fee, effective AY 2021-22
 - ▶ Increase quarterly fee by \$2.00 in 2023-24
 - ▶ \$0.50 increase in quarterly fee every year thereafter for ten years.
 - ▶ 25% return to aid
 - ▶ Increase based on increased demand and increased costs

Outcome

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

TGIF Fee ~~Renewal~~ *Reinstatement* Spring 2021 Fall 2021

- ▶ Simplified and reduced scaled increase schedule
- ▶ Summary of *new* TGIF Fee Referendum:
 - ▶ Increase to \$3.50 quarterly TGIF fee, effective AY 2022-23
 - ▶ 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

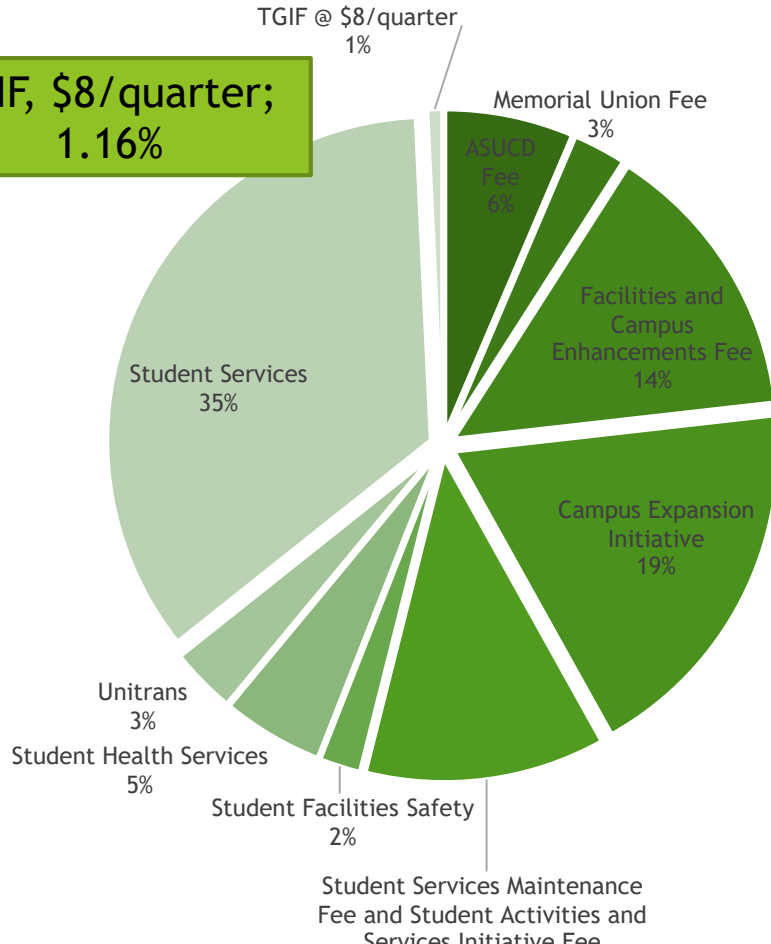
TGIF Fee ~~Renewal~~ Reinstatement Spring ~~2021~~ Fall 2021

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

Academic Year	Fee per Student per Quarter	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

Bridging TGIF

Maintaining Operations

- ▶ Bridging AY 2021-22
 - ▶ No TGIF student fees collected this AY (Fee expired in Spring 2021)
 - ▶ Still soliciting proposals and offering funding
 - ▶ Will use carryforward and cost-savings from during pandemic to fund awards this AY
 - ▶ Outreach campaign for broadening TGIF awareness in preparation for referendum....
- ▶ ... *Had anticipated a Spring 2022 referendum (2nd try) and reinstatement of fees in Fall 2022.*
- ▶ New “[Guide to Creating a Student Fee Initiative](#)” requires a new plan for bridging through AY 2021-22 and AY 2022-23.

Bridging TGIF

Maintaining Operations *to AY 2023-24*

- ▶ Current AY 2021-22
 - ▶ Will continue to support existing projects
 - ▶ Will continue to solicit and fund new proposals at reduced scale

Important considerations

- ▶ Continue to steward remaining student fees appropriately
 - ▶ Provide oversight to projects to ensure adherence to TGIF and UCD fiscal policies
 - ▶ Manage through *many* lingering disruptions of pandemic
- ▶ Maintain TGIF Committee as required by Bylaws
- ▶ Preserve this source of funding for sustainability related initiatives at UC Davis

TGIF Projections through AY 22-23

	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
Prior Year Carryforward	\$333,564.61	\$ 50,465.62
Student Fee Income to TGIF	\$ 0	\$ 0
Return of Unspent Funds	\$5002.33	\$5000.00
Total Income:	\$ 338,566.94	\$55,465.62
Total New Awards (reduced)	\$ (90,000.00)	\$ 0
Encumbered Award Funds	\$ (148.123.50)	\$ 0
Total Expenses	\$ (49,977.82)	\$ (40,769.61)
Total Awards and Expenses:	\$ (288,101.32)	\$ (40,769.61)
Carryforward	\$ 50,465.62	\$ 14,696.01

Discussion

- ❖ Any questions?
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