Referendum Presentation to COSAF
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TGIF Recap
TGIF Fee in Context
Current Status
The Future of TGIF
  Spring 2021 Referendum Outcome
  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

Annual Student Fees

- TGIF: 0.28%
- ASUCD Fee: 3%
- Memorial Union Fee: 7%
- Facilities & Campus Enhancements Fee: 14%
- Campus Expansion Initiative: 19%
- Student Services Maintenance Fee and Student Activities & Services Fee: 12%
- Student Facilities Safety Fee: 35%
- Student Health Services Fee: 5%
- Unitrans: 2%
- Student Services Fee: 3%
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

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

Continued demand, in spite of disruptions
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
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 2024 Fall 2021

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

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

TGIF, $8/quarter; 1.16%
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.*

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

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Discussion

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