

Fall 2024 TGIF meeting minutes
Note Taker: Jewel Persad

Nov 18th, 2024

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Roll Call

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Review LOI submittals & provide feedback

- [Outdoor Re-Tool at Valentine Eastern Sierra Reserves](#) - In the application it would be good to see a breakdown of the gas-powered equipment you plan on replacing and an estimation of its remaining usable lifespan. If possible, we also like to see the old equipment decommissioned
- [Surplus Sales Campus Visibility](#) - If the goal is to use the TGIF funds to expand the presence of Surplus sales on campus and in the community and increase revenue, how will the campaign be maintained once TGIF funds have been spent? Will Distribution & Logistical Services take on the long term role of marketing? How will branded tablecloths, banners, flyers, business cards be used? It would be good to describe your planned marketing efforts. Sustainability has tried to promote surplus sales to the campus community but one of the biggest challenges is that it is only open for 2.5 hours a week and it is hard to find, do you plan on extending the hours of operation so that it is more accessible?
- [Furniture Services E-Waste Process Improvement](#) - Good fit for our grant program as long as you clearly explain the environmental benefits of streamlining

the campus E-waste system. Since A-S recycling currently handles pickups of E-waste throughout campus, we would like to see coordination and support from them.

- [Hydration Station Installation](#) - let applicants know about another funding opportunity for these installations
- [Energy Efficient Biological Safety Cabinets](#) - think this would be a good fit for TGIF. Our only concern would be that we would want to ensure that incentives are only being offered to replace inefficient cabinets. Your LOI mented that "For the largest 'green' gain, the goal is to target obsolete Baker BSCs, although funds will be made available to faculty and core facility directors using any non-DC ECM cabinets." I think your proposal will have a higher chance of being funded if its clear that funds will only be used to replace the most inefficient models.
- [Gaucho Community Farmers Market](#) - Hear that there have been popup farmers markets in IV and we were interested in hearing if those have been successful? Some of your distances listed to grocery stores were incorrect. A farmers market in IV has the potential to be more successful than on campus. While we think integrating student volunteers is helpful, we think there needs to be a partnership with an existing group or some commitment from employees who can help with the administrative aspect of maintaining the market.
- [Motion Detecting Lights in San Nicolas](#) - There are already motion detectors in San Nicolas hall. If they aren't working you can reach out to the operations service center to have them fixed. Here is the number: 805-893-3392
- [Analyzing Heavy Metal Accumulation of Stormwater Filtration in Manzanita Village Restoration Bioswale](#) - Think this could be a good fit for TGIF as long as they play a role in impacting future campus decision making as we typically do not fund strictly research projects. We would like to see a support letter from the campuses Environmental Compliance Manager and CCBER stating how this would benefit future decision making, were you to submit a proposal.
- [Sustainable Electric Vehicle Support](#) - The committee reviewed the LOI and doesn't feel comfortable awarding grant funds for something that has already been purchased. Also not sure we would be allowed to use the funds in this way.
- [Improved Lighting for Harder Stadium Tennis Courts](#) - We think this is a good fit for our grant and would be interested in funding it, if there are significant estimated energy savings. We funded a similar project a few years ago to update the Rec Center Tennis Courts with LED lighting. If you can reach out and get savings numbers for that project, it would be good to include in your application. Can you ask Facilities management to commit matching funding to cover the labor costs? They did this for the Rec Center project.
- [Pool covers for Recreation – small pool](#) - Would be a good fit for TGIF as well as the student fee advisory committee (they have a Jan 6th deadline). I would make sure that you clearly state who would be responsible for putting on and taking off the pool cover. We funded a pool cover over a decade ago and we had problems getting someone to take responsibility for putting it on and taking it off. I was surprised that the cover only has a 3 to 5 year life span, I would address your replacement plan in the application.

- [Sustainability through Enhanced Bike Security and Management on UCSB campus](#) - I would recommend having the student review this page: <https://bfs.ucsb.edu/procurement/buying-goods-and-services/alarm-camera-systems> as well as this one: <https://www.it.ucsb.edu/security/vsaas-video-security-service> Department would need to host and it would need ongoing management. Need to be a commitment from the department to keep running. Ongoing cost every year.
- [Laundry Machines for UCSB Department of Theater and Dance](#) - The new Laundry machines would need to be EnergyStar and WaterSense Certified for TGIF to offer funding. We would like the dryer to be all-electric as well (you would need to verify with an electrician if the existing infrastructure can accommodate an electric dryer). PACES could come meter the units to provide energy savings estimates, if needed. It sounds like at least one of the units needs to be replaced no matter what, could the department offer some matching funding and ask TGIF to cover the extra costs associated with securing a WaterSmart/EnergyStar model?

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Agenda Items

- Finish review [Mini Grant Applications](#) and make final decisions
 - The committee voting in favor of funding the following projects:

- Engineers Without Borders Solar Table - All in Favor
- Fruitful Futures: Family Student Housing Fruit Tree Initiative - 4 in favor, one abstain
- Supporting Solar-sourced, battery powered vehicles - All in Favor
- Sustainable Pipette Pilot Program - All in Favor

DATE: Monday, November 4th, 2024

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Agenda Items

- Call for Nomination for Committee Chair
 - Tabled until next meeting
- Additional Funding request for 2023/24 project
 - High-Efficiency Laboratory Glassware Washer for Bren Hall (\$15,167.60)
 - [Additional funding Request](#)
 - Lauren and Megan are in favor
- Review [Mini Grant Applications](#)

AI Meeting minutes

Next steps

- Jewel to follow up with Engineers Without Borders on location approvals, maintenance plans, and charging port types for their solar table project.
- Jewel to follow up with Fruitful Futures on fruit tree species selection, pest control plans, and tree species
- Jewel to follow up with CCBER on estimated usage and charging infrastructure details for their solar-powered vehicle charging project.
- Jewel to follow up with the Environmental Mindfulness project team on their tree planting process and approvals needed on campus.
- Jewel to send out an email vote to the full committee on the Bren laboratory glassware washer upgrade proposal.

Summary

New AI Feature and GSA Positions

Jewel, Mo, Eric, and Brian discussed the use of a new AI feature for Zoom to take meeting minutes. They found it to be a useful tool, though not perfect. They also discussed scheduling challenges and the importance of having voting members for decision-making. Jewel announced that all GSA positions were now filled, a positive development. The team agreed to start the meeting and review the Mini Grant proposal.

Engineers Without Borders Solar Table

TGIF discussed the Engineers Without Borders solar table project, which had received a \$2,250 grant from Irca for the table. The group had also secured a grant for the solar charging feature. The team discussed the project's budget, location, and maintenance plans. Megan raised concerns about the type of charging ports to be used, suggesting USB-C ports for future compatibility. Brian agreed, noting that USB-C is becoming more common. Jewel agreed to follow up with the project team to clarify these points. The team seemed generally supportive of the project, with some reservations about maintenance and port compatibility.

Sprouts Storytelling

The team questioned whether the project fell within their scope, given that it was for off-campus use. The team also discussed the availability of environmental education books and the potential impact of the project on the campus. There was no strong enthusiasm for the project, and the team decided to vote against it.

Fruitful Futures Student Housing Proposal

The committee discussed a proposal from the Fruitful Futures family student housing for funding

to plant fruit trees on West campus, part of the edible campus program. Concerns were raised about the types of fruit to be planted and pest control. The group decided to follow up with the applicants to address these concerns and report back at the next meeting.

UCSB Greenwall Project Discussion - The group expressed concerns about the exhibit's maintenance, longevity, and impact on sustainability. The group ultimately decided not to fund the project.

Solar Charging Station Proposal

The group discussed the proposal and generally supported it, with some questions raised about the charging infrastructure and the potential for increased use of the facility. Jewel agreed to follow up on these points.

Sustainable Pipette Tip Recycling Program

The committee discussed the sustainable pipette pilot program. The students aim to collect pipette tips from labs participating in the glove recycling program and recycle them using Polycarbon, a company that converts waste into new lab supplies. However, concerns were raised about the long-term funding of the program, as the students plan to apply for funding in February. The team also discussed the potential impact of the program on a system-wide level, with one member noting that 40 labs currently participate in the glove recycling program. The team agreed that the program could be a good opportunity for more green labs at UCSB, but they need to address the long-term funding issue.

Environmental Mindfulness project - the committee expresses confusion about the connection between using pea sticks in a workshop and planting trees on campus. Concerns are raised about the feasibility and approval process for planting trees. Jewel plans to follow up with the "Environmental Mindfulness" team to clarify the project details before the committee votes on it next week.

DATE: Tuesday, October 29

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Agenda Items:

- Introductions & Welcome New Members
- TGIF Overview
 - Gave broad overview of TGIF, the mission, and the grant review process
- [TGIF Bylaws](#)
 - For new members, please review the Bylaws before our next meeting
- Call for Nomination for Committee Chair
 - Tabled until next meeting
- Additional Funding request for 2023/24 project
 - High-Efficiency Laboratory Glassware Washer for Bren Hall (\$15,167.60)
 - [Additional funding Request](#)
 - Vote tabled until next meeting because only 3 voting members could attend but there was general support for the request/
- [Mini Grant Applications](#)
 - Outlined review process which will begin at our next meeting