

TGIF: The Green Initiative Fund

A Functional Overview for UC Berkeley, Spring 2007
Based on the Referendum Contract language and the Bylaws of TGIF



A fund with a mission

If passed by the students of UC Berkeley during the ASUC election April 11-13th, 2007, The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) will provide financial support to sustainability-oriented – green – initiatives at Cal.

Mission statement:

The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) provides funding for projects that reduce the UC Berkeley's negative impact on the environment and make UC Berkeley more sustainable. TGIF will allocate funds to projects that increase the amount of renewable energy used on campus, increase energy efficiency, and reduce the amount of waste created by UC Berkeley. Portions of the fund will support education initiatives, student aid (via return to aid), and internships. TGIF is supported by student fees and administered through a student-majority governance board.

Getting Started (1)

1. TGIF referendum passes

(And is approved by the Chancellor and UCOP)

2. Student fee of \$5 per semester collected

Will increase by \$0.50 during its 4th and 7th years to compensate for inflation

Will end after 10 years

Approximately \$200,000 raised annually

Sustainability funding at UC Berkeley tripled

(Based on an average budget of less than \$100,000 per year for the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CACs))

Getting Started (2)

3. The Grant Making Committee is formed

Committee has 7 voting members:

4 students, 1 each appointed by the:

Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Committee of the Graduate Assembly (GA)

Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) Environmental Sustainability Director

Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CACS)

TGIF Grant-Making Committee, after the other three Student members have been selected

1 faculty, appointed by the:

Academic Senate

2 staff, 1 each from:

Administration, selected by the Vice Chancellor for Administration

Facilities Services, selected by the Vice Chancellor of Facilities Services

And 3 non-voting members

The campus Environmental Sustainability Professional (will be hired Fall 2007)

A member of the Committee on Student Fees

An ASUC representative

Getting Started (3)

4. The Grant Coordinator is hired by the Committee

1/2 time staff within the ASUC-Auxiliary

Exists to meet the needs of the Committee

Will:

Monitor the progress of projects that have received funding, via annual reports submitted by grant recipients

Prepare an annual report of the previous year's budget and funded projects

Act as a liaison between TGIF and UC Berkeley

Maintain the archives of the Grant Making Committee, including

Meeting minutes

All TGIF monetary transactions

Reports on all current and past projects

TGIF annual reports made to the:

ASUC Senate

Graduate Assembly

Director of the ASUC-Auxiliary

Committee member appointing bodies

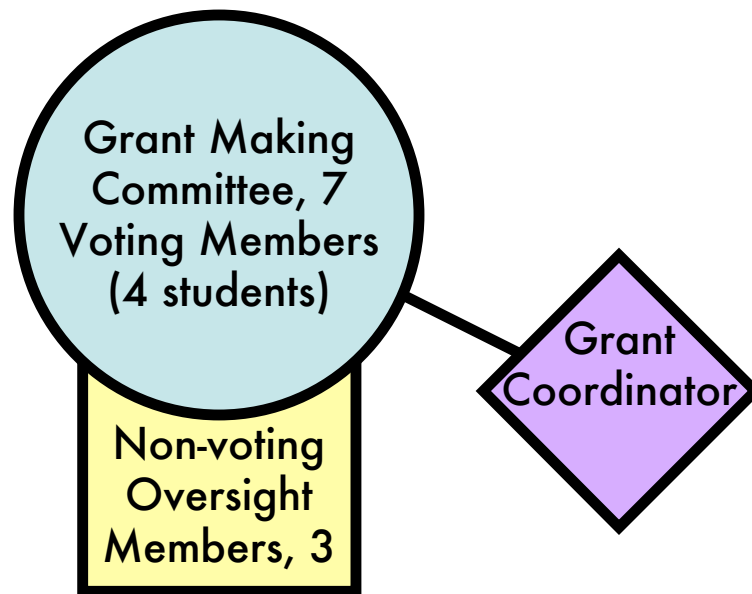
TGIF Administration

7 voting members of Grant Making Committee appointed each year

2 consecutive term limit, after 1 year off, can serve again

3 non-voting members provide oversight

Grant Coordinator hired by Committee as an assistant



Funding projects

1. Projects proposed to Committee

Can be proposed by UC Berkeley Faculty, Students and/or Staff
(Outside entities cannot propose projects)

2. Committee funds projects that

Measurably reduce UC Berkeley's impact on the environment

Have publicity, education and outreach components

Received all necessary written approval by appropriate campus officials

Are not already mandated by law or UC policy

(TGIF projects go above and beyond current legal or policy requirements)

Demonstrate the greatest environmental impact reduction for the least cost

May repay the Fund

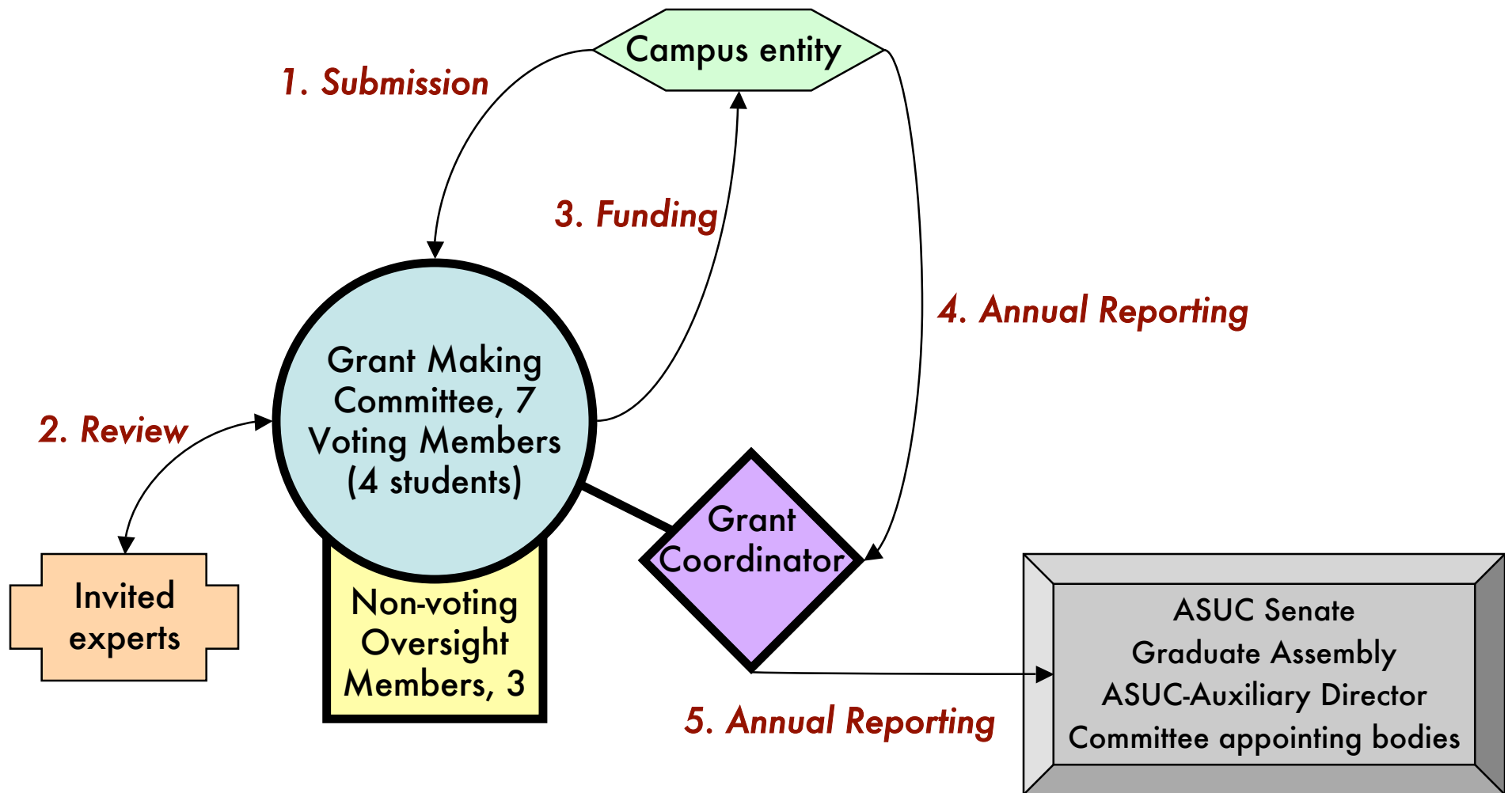
Encourage student participation

Each year, 20% of dispersed funds must go to projects involving students

Project reporting

- 1. Projects write annual (if multi-year) or final reports including**
 - Records for all spent funds
 - Measured outcomes such as
 - Energy savings
 - Greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions
 - Water savings
- 2. Grant Coordinator reviews project reports**
 - All spending must be within the approved project scope
 - (Any funds spent outside the scope must be returned to TGIF)
- 3. Coordinator generates annual reports from project reports**
 - TGIF annual reports submitted to the:
 - ASUC Senate
 - Graduate Assembly
 - Director of the ASUC-Auxiliary
 - Committee member appointing bodies

Project flow



Additional considerations

Likely sources for project ideas

2005 Campus Sustainability Assessment <http://sustainability.berkeley.edu/assessment.html>

2005 Sustainable Water Plan for UC Berkeley http://sustainability.berkeley.edu/water_plan/

2007 Cal Climate Action Partnership (CalCAP) <http://sustainability.berkeley.edu/calcap.html>

Greenhouse gas inventory and project descriptions

Loans vs. Grants

Committee may require projects that generate revenue to repay TGIF

Many projects identified by the above documents will save Cal large amounts of money. They are not currently being pursued due to high capital investment costs.

Laws and policies affecting Cal

UC Presidential Policy on Green Building Design, Clean Energy Standards, and Sustainable Transportation Practices

<http://www.ucop.edu/facil/sustain/documents/ucregentgreenbldg.pdf>

California AB 32: The Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/05-06/bill/asm/ab_0001-0050/ab_32_bill_20060927_chaptered.pdf

(press release <http://gov.ca.gov/index.php?/press-release/4111/>)



Conclusion

The goal of TGIF is to make UC Berkeley a more environmentally sustainable campus. With the wide-spread publicity received by global warming, it is common knowledge that people are living on this Earth in an unsustainable manner.

Despite the hard work already taking place at Cal, the campus is presently not sustainable.

A lack of funding for sustainability oriented – or green – initiatives on campus is major factor contributing to this unsustainability.

In TGIF, students at Berkeley have a positive way to move the campus toward sustainability, and very successful funds similar to TGIF have already been created at over 20 other campuses around the county, including two here within the UC system.

At this time, TGIF is the best opportunity that we students have to improve the environmental sustainability of our cherished and revered campus.

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TGIF

April 11th-13th

<http://www.votetgif.com>