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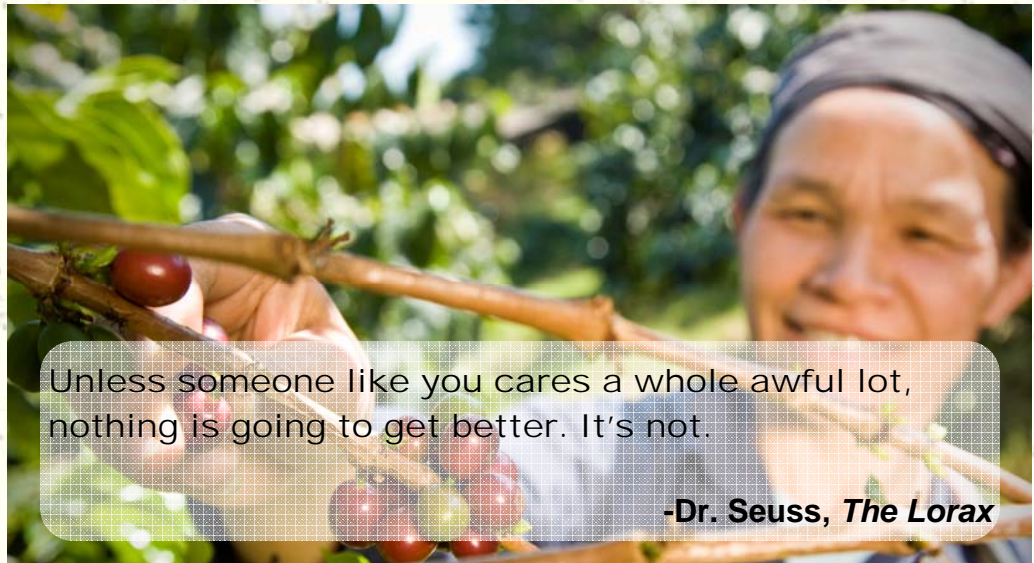
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Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.

-Dr. Seuss, *The Lorax*

## sus·tain·abil·i·ty *noun*

Sustainability has many different definitions. The UC Regents define sustainability as:

Meeting our own needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, particularly with regard to use and waste of natural resources. Sustainable practices support ecological, human, and economic health and vitality. Sustainability presumes that resources are finite, and should be used conservatively and wisely with a view to long-term priorities and consequences of the ways in which resources are used.

## Our Mission

The mission of the Academics and Research Functional Group is to educate and facilitate interaction between faculty, staff, students and the community on issues of sustainability. We intend to create, disseminate, and assess knowledge using sustainable practices through classroom instruction, research, service learning, and visual and performing arts.

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## The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF)

The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) was the first green fee in the UC system created by students in the spring of 2006 with a charge to "reduce the University's impact on the environment." Students voted with an overwhelming majority to pay \$2.60 per quarter, contributing approximately \$182,000 a year towards TGIF.

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Any student, staff, or faculty member of the University community can submit a project proposal to the TGIF [Grants Making Committee](#). The committee is comprised of four undergraduates, two graduates, one staff, and one faculty member.

### 2009-2010 Funding Cycle

The Committee will begin soliciting proposals for the 2009-10 funding cycle in fall of 2009. To apply, download the Funding Application and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction spreadsheet when they are made available. Completed applications should be emailed to Jill Richardson. If you have any questions, [contact Jill](#) (805-893-8367) for more information.

**January 2010 - TGIF funding proposals due**

**Early April 2010 - Final funding decisions will be announced**

### 2008-2009 Funding Cycle \*Awardees Announced\*

During the 2008-2009 funding cycle, 34 projects applied requesting approximately \$984,000. Of those projects, 12 were awarded funds totaling \$141,000.

[Projects funded in 2008-2009](#)

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