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## **Isla Vista Tenants Union Minutes**

## Associated Students

*10/5/21, 8:30 P.M.*

Zoom Conference: <https://ucsb.zoom.us/j/84343255271>

**CALL TO ORDER by Riley Hull at *8:35pm***

**A. ATTENDANCE**

1. **Roll Call**

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| **Name** | **Note:** | **Name** | **Note:** |
| Riley Hull | Present | Sean Tran | Present |
| Gurleen Pabla | Present | Jessy Gonzalez | Present |
| Sydney Evans | Present | Maia Surendra | Present |
| Zack Brenner | Present | Hailey Stankiewicz | Present |
| Jonathan Puentes | Present | Ranna Zahabi | Excused |
| Chloe Dinh-Luong | Present |  |  |
| Jonathan Roberts | Present |  |  |
| Adam Thompson | Excused |  |  |

*Ice Breaker: What is your favorite class so far this quarter?*

1. **Excused Absences**

Ranna Zahabi - Full meeting

Adam Thompson - Full meeting

*MOTION/SECOND: Hailey/Jessy*

*Motion to bundle and excuse all absences.*

*ACTION: Consent*

1. **Proxies**

*MOTION/SECOND:*

*Motion to accept*

*ACTION:*

1. **Also In Attendance**

Shii Lin, COSWB

Erin Jang, COSWB

**B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

“Before we begin, we would like to acknowledge the Chumash people, who are the traditional custodians of this land. We pay our respects to the Chumash elders, past, present, and future, who call this place, Anisq’oyo, the land that Isla Vista sits upon, their home. As an organization that seeks just treatment of all Isla Vistans, we acknowledge the many Indigenous peoples whose homes and lives were destroyed in the long chain of events which bring us to today. This acknowledgment, though brief and in no way complete, demonstrates a commitment by this organization and this group of individuals to stand up for and give voice to the Chumash Nation and the other indiginous peoples of the region.”

**C. PUBLIC FORUM**

**D. REPORTS**

1. **Advisor & Staff Reports**
   1. **Rodney**
      1. Pardall Center Services
         1. Proposal for protocols for fall quarter
         2. In-person consultations upstairs with Robin
         3. We will begin handing out masks and free prints for each student again
         4. In-person meeting is available after 6:00 if we want for up to 10
         5. Downstairs available for up to 12 people
         6. Request to update the ivtu section of the as website
            1. Temilola or Lluvia (or contact Rodney if problems)
      2. Open Access Labs
         1. 3 on campus, places to print on campus
   2. **Robin**
   3. **Student Legal Services Advisor 2**
   4. **Pardall Center Staff Representative**
2. **Working Group Reports**
   1. **Advocacy Working Group**
   2. **Education Working Group**
   3. **Organizing Working Group**
3. **Executive Officer Reports**
   1. **Riley - Chair**
      1. Attendance to meetings
         1. [Isla Vista Tenants Union Manual- 2021](https://docs.google.com/document/d/13MRFGv8E3LdnOu8DSsBvvaHfusCYiixYezS9UOiptp4/edit#heading=h.y2kanr9md9ke) Section 4.1
      2. Slack
         1. Download on mobile and computer
         2. [Link to join AS Slack](https://slack.com/get-started#/find)
            1. Put in your IVTU email @as.ucsb.edu
      3. Office Hours
         1. 3 hours a week
         2. In the office or remote on zoom
      4. Projects
         1. No expectation to have projects as of now
         2. Brainstorm ideas you would want to take on for the quarter
         3. Some ideas to think on:
            1. Creating a flexible housing facebook group
            2. Creating guidelines for distributing IVTU crisis fund money
            3. Researching ways to implement rent control in SB
            4. Researching the universities long term housing plan
            5. Working with CAUSE or SBTU on joint projects
      5. Workshops!
         1. One of our main activities
         2. See discussion section
      6. AS Trainings
         1. Makeup trainings inbound :/
      7. Working Groups!
         1. Zach will lead Advocacy, Chloe will lead Education, and Sydney will lead Organizing
         2. [Working Group Preference Form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1uh1OSlyVPnb_9cga9X5w7Mh5Uczk08hOdkqFU_bRPak/edit)
      8. IVCRC Liaison
         1. Mondays at 4 and or Tuesdays at 5
         2. Replacement needed!
            1. Zach !
      9. Property Provider Meeting
         1. Tuesday October 19th, 9:00-10:30 AM
         2. Gurleen !
   2. **Gurleen - Vice Chair**
      1. Have been working with Robin on the caseworking program, it seems to be running smoothly so far and hopefully we’ll be able to add more people to get trained as our current volunteers start to work on their own, if anyone is interested! I’ll have more info on that as the quarter progresses
      2. Have also been working with the Housing Coalition and administration on the housing crisis, I can give more updates on that but it’s pretty stillwater as of now
      3. Compiled statistics about the 2 housing crisis surveys to send to admin and anyone who wants to see student responses
         1. Send to Riley and Sydney
   3. **Sydney - Outreach**
      1. I have been working with the Housing Crisis Coalition, and have met with Dick Flacks of Sustainable University Now (SUN) and Joan Hartmann, County Supervisor. We plan to distribute a follow-up survey to gather data from students who were/are impacted by the housing crisis.
   4. **Zach - Legal**
      1. Looking into the mutual aid network project for shared resources among organizations that advocate for tenants’ rights
         1. Reached out to UCLA AS and UCI AS for similar counterparts that I can touch base with for working on this project
      2. Doing research on a project that would collect various pieces of legal information, such as rent agreements (Civil Code Section 1944) and the status of a rental unit being legally uninhabitable (Civil Code Section 1941), and condense them all into a booklet that can be easily accessible for students
         1. Think the *For Dummies* book series, but for tenant rights
      3. Doing research on a project from last year where an IVTU affiliate would be created to cover the cost of students filing fees for small claims court
         1. Will need to work with the advocacy group on this
      4. Looking into the project from last year on the ordinance that would require landlords to provide documentation on habitability of their rental units
         1. Lots of logistically stuff with this - already laws in place to protect tenants in this area
            1. Will talk to Riley about this separately
   5. **Jonathan P. - Finance**
   6. **Chloe - Marketing**
   7. **Jonathan R. - HR**
      1. Fall retreat this sunday, meeting place setup at Harry’s Plaza Cafe (loretta shopping center), and a projector, with dinner afterwards
      2. 6:00-6:30
   8. **Adam - Community**
   9. **Sean - SBCC**
      1. Wants to create guidelines on helping students to identify housing scams
   10. **Jessy - Tech**
       1. Continuing with the ASK US ANYTHING website feature
          1. Mostly legal related issues (e.g., security deposit, roommate, and maintenance)
          2. Housing-related resources in the beginning
       2. Updated website graphics and content
          1. planning on changing the template since the current one is extremely limiting in terms of format, graphics, organization, and advanced content
       3. Met with the Lobby Corps Chair, and working on a potential project to advocate for housing availability to attempt to prevent this problem from arising in the future
       4. Going to reach out to Adam T. to get up to speed on Rate My Rental
          1. Website development progress
       5. Project: Going to gradually start updating the IVTU pages, especially COVID-19 related ones and the language versions
       6. Coordinated with a few members of the GSA about the housing crisis in junction with Food Not Bombs on how to help students facing housing-related issues
          1. Thanks Gurleen for AS survey summary
4. **Member Reports**
   1. **Maia - EVPLA** 
      1. Know Your Rights with the EVPLA office/IVTU
      2. Presenting at retreat :)
   2. **Hailey - Senator**
      1. Chair of Basic Needs Committee talking about doing stuff in housing, Vincent Tran might be a person to reach out to to work with

* 1. **Ranna - Senator**

**E. ACCEPTANCE of AGENDA**

*MOTION/SECOND: Sean/Gurleen*

*Motion to accept today’s agenda.*

*ACTION: Consent*

**F. ACCEPTANCE of MINUTES**

*MOTION/SECOND: Sydney/Zach*

*Motion to approve the IVTU minutes from the September 11th email vote.*

*ACTION: Consent*

**G. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Old Business:**

*MOTION/SECOND:*

*Motion to*

*ACTION:*

1. **New Business:**

*MOTION/SECOND: Gurleen/Zach*

*Motion to allocate 300 dollars to Francisco Cortez-Cuevas out of 79000.01 (Crisis Fund) for reimbursement of emergency hotel costs.*

*ACTION: 11-0-0*

**H. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

* 1. Meetings: In-person or remote?
  2. Workshop Topics:
     1. Do’s and Don’ts of being a tenant
     2. Landlords job vs mine
     3. Finding a place for next year
     4. What to do during Halloween
     5. How to choose a roommate
     6. Know your Rights: Pets and ESA’s
     7. Subleasing 101, is subleasing the right option for you?
     8. How to split rent in your group
     9. Rules for your house, how to make them and stick with them
     10. How to read your lease, what does it mean? - maybe just reach out to robin to avoid issues
     11. Know your Rights:
         1. Maintenance and repairs (Habitability), who is responsible?
         2. Move-out
  3. Emergency Funding

**I. REMARKS**

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

*MOTION/SECOND: Jessy/Sean*

*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 PM*

*ACTION:Consent*