



## IVTU MINUTES/ACTION SUMMARY

Associated Students

10/9/12, 5 pm.

IVTU Office Minutes/Actions recorded by: Alexandra Garcia

CALL TO ORDER 5 pm by Samir Azizi, Chair

### **A. MEETING BUSINESS**

#### **A-1. Roll Call**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Note:</b> absent (excused/not excused) arrived late (time) departed early (time) proxy (full name)	<b>Name</b>	<b>Note:</b> absent (excused/not excused) arrived late (time) departed early (time) proxy (full name)
Samir Azizi		Jenny Tran	
Noelle Hensler		Norma Orozco	
Alex Maitan		Danielle Maldonado	
Hannah Pierce		Adeel Lakhani	
Grace Esslinger		Aksai Bapa	
Viviana Romero		Allison Van Pelt	
Tyler Washington		Max Golding	
Hilary Kleger		Aaron	

#### **A-2. Acceptance of Excused Absences**

#### **A-3. Acceptance of Proxies**

### **B. PUBLIC FORUM**

- a. Pardall Carnival-Samir Azizi
  - i. IVTU did the mask painting, very successful and popular.
- b. Evictions-Hilary Kleger
  - i. Still gathering information.
  - ii. Met with tenants today. Still assessing their needs and how they want to proceed.
  - iii. Brief background on some of the mass evictions over the years.
  - iv. New owner purchased property during the spring and next month increased the rent.
  - v. Shortly thereafter, several tenants received eviction notices.
  - vi. Some long-term tenants remain on property; some with children.
  - vii. Hilary has spoken to four tenants so far.
  - viii. They originally didn't come in because of the evictions, but for another unrelated matter.
  - ix. Students appear to be moving in.
  - x. Tenants are concerned about media attention.
  - xi. Hilary met with people from the county and it looks a though ordinance 4444 was triggered.
  - xii. Ordinance 4444 says there is a 90-day limit on being able to apply for relocation assistance.

- xiii. Tenants are reaching out to other tenants including those already evicted.
- xiv. One tenant is okay with it but another tenant expressed concern about finding comparable housing.
- xv. Tenants may be eligible for reimbursement of rent.

## C. REPORTS

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- C-1. **Advisor's Report**
- C-2. **Executive Officer's Report(s)**
- C-3. **Group Project/Member Report(s)**

## D. ACCEPTANCE of AGENDA/CHANGES to AGENDA

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## E. ACCEPTANCE of ACTION SUMMARY/MINUTES

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### E-1. Approval of our Action Summary/Minutes from 10/2/12

*Motion to accept last week's minutes.*  
*ACTION: Vote: Consent*

## F. ACTION ITEMS

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### F-1. Old Business

### F-2 New Business

#### a. **Appointing Jenny Tran as IVTU case manager**

*MOTION/SECOND: Maitan/ Hensler*  
*Motion to appoint Jenny Tran as IVTU case manager.*  
*ACTION: Vote: Consent*  
*Staff/Advisor Instruction/Request: N/A*  
*Responsible for Follow-through: N/A*  
*Additional approval required: NO*

## G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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- a. Evictions
  - i. IVTU could work with tenants to send a letter to the owner to state that they have triggered ordinance 4444 and perhaps negotiate with the owner. Sometimes owners do work with tenants, Modoc example.
  - ii. If no negotiation, what are other strategies?

## H. REMARKS

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Q: Allison- Does there have to be a reason to evict?

Hilary- California doesn't have a just cause ordinance so if it is month-to-month they can terminate a lease at any point.

Norma- IDEAS-would like to also support the tenants, perhaps speak with them. Maybe we can incorporate PUEBLO into this as well.

Hilary- Thank you for that offer. What I've been doing is taking info back to them. They are trying to figure out what to do first. Part of it with non-student community is establishing trust.

Samir- How legal is it to evict them?

Hilary- evicting tenants under these circumstances is not illegal. If on a month-to-month lease, for example, there is no just cause ordinance that takes effect. Ordinance 4444 offers more support for tenants who are being evicted of no fault of their own. It encourages the landlord to help find replacement housing, or the tenants should be allowed to move back in after remodel.

Adeel- When what landlord does is not illegal, what leverage exists to help tenants?

Hilary- That was the intent behind Ordinance 4444. There is also a lot of pressure amongst property owners to not pass laws that support tenants.

Adeel- So if it is not breaking the law it is just interpersonal solutions?

H: Yes.

Danielle- To make things clear, after the 60 days, they are not eligible for relocation assistance?

Hilary- Right. The tenants have to request the relocation assistance.

Samir- What can we do as a community right now?

1. Offer our help if they come to us? Need to have the green light first.

2. Shouldn't attract publicity unless tenants would like to.

3. Concern about defamation of land owners.

4. Hilary- Role of the TU is to support and advocate . Prudent to be more patient and allow for more time. Better that owner hears about it directly from tenant and not media.

5. Allison- the woman who left early (Norma) and other people are upset by this obviously. We don't need to point specifically at this issue, but perhaps it's a momentum builder for a just cause ordinance?

6. Hilary- There are a lot of things you can do in support of the community. Can certainly try to pass a just cause ordinance. Ordinance 4444 was a compromise to a just cause ordinance. IVTU worked as part of the RHR on this as.

7. Samir- there are two sides to every story. Should we go speak with the landlords?

Hilary- There's a lot of ways you can work with landlords to resolve issues.

8. Max- This is an election year. Take advantage of that. It may sound crazy! Perhaps information sharing ideas to educate people, like a popular zine or cartoon, uploaded on line and printed out, could help highlight issues such as evictions. Need to think strategically, think of social structures in place.

Conclusion: See how it will continue and see how we can continue to help.

## **ADJOURNMENT**