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Session Summary for August 17, 2017

Location: POB 2.302

Time: 2:00 – 3:30

- Guest Speaker – Brianna Duran from the Office of Sustainability
 - [Green Offices](#) is a points-based certification process that empowers UT to make sustainable change in the workplace. They have info sessions on Tues, Sept 5 at 12 PM in Jester A209A and Wed, Sept 6 at 2:30 PM in SSB Glenn Maloney Room.
 - [Green Labs](#) supports specialty recycling, such as Styrofoam, nitrile gloves, cold packs, and batteries. They also share best practices and resources for campus labs.
 - [Green Fee](#), which is a grant program that supports sustainability-related projects, will start again in January.

- 2017 UTSC Retreat at Wildflower Center
 - 53 Representatives attended
 - Values discussion was started and will be narrowed down to 3-4 by a smaller committee. If reps want to contribute more, email chair@utsc.utexas.edu.

- General announcements:
 - No legislative updates for current employees
 - September meeting will have updates about Employee Engagement Survey results and Texas legislative impacts on UT budget.
 - [Parking appeals committee](#) needs 1 volunteer
 - If you're interested in having a discussion about Charlottesville, contact Susan Stockton and the Diversity/Inclusion committee.
 - Mid-term elections will open in September. We currently have [124 departments](#) who have no representation or are under-represented.
 - Presidential meet-and-greet with Staff Council Reps is on September 25 from 2-3 PM.

- New business and announcements:
 - Marisol Sanchez from District 660 brought up three issues: Parking permit waitlist, is determined by salary and title; Providing certificates to retirees; Computer access needed for people who don't work at a desk.
 - Issues committee will be looking into [parking permit waitlist policy](#). New garage in east campus will open soon. Funding for new parking is limited. Sustainability committee will help spread the word about carpooling benefits.
 - Computer access is available at each of the [UT Libraries](#) for all faculty, staff, and students. The university has a [stipend](#) available for employees who require access "to the campus network to perform their duties from an alternate work location."
 - Christopher Bookout from District 451 reminded us that the 2016-2017 UT parking permits expired on August 15.

- Staff council committee work has started to formulate. Due to resource limitations, projects are prioritized when they benefit the entire university staff. Committees will provide regular updates to the Staff Council and the Executive Committee. At the end of the year they will write a report and do a final presentation.