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Eco-Initiatives Form: \$100 to \$500

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1. Please fill in the fields below to give us an overview of your project:

- **Name of Project:** Mock Climate Conference
- **Objective or Purpose:** : With this event, our aim is to highlight the challenges that legislators face in attempting to implement environmental policy. Our objective is that attendees leave with a better understanding of the challenges that impact climate policy creation on a global national level.
- **Brief Description:** To start our event, we will have lectures from two UBC professors: Peter Dauvergne (who will discuss the Paris Agreement) and Michael Byers, who specialize in international environmental policy and international law respectively. We will then have time for questions and a brief break for food, after which we will moderate a Model UN-like mock climate conference. During the latter portion of our event, we will give groups of attendees fictitious countries with descriptions of their countries'

economic interests and their constituents' desires. They will then have to debate and advocate for their countries' (and constituents') interests in the creation of a Paris-like agreement.

- Project Date(s): January 26th, 2018 4:30-7:30pm
- Expected Attendance: 40 people

2. Outline how your project pertains to the environment and/or contributes to sustainability at UBC (approximately 200 words).

Our event will provide a space for thought and discussion around what it takes to pass major environmental legislation and some of the reasons that politicians may not want to. Attendees will gain insight into the complications inherent to the process and will be forced to confront the question of politicians' responsibilities to the will of their constituents (e.g. if their constituents oppose an environmental policy). We hope that by demonstrating the messiness of the process, we can help equip attendees with a deeper understanding of the difficulties of passing effective legislation (and constituents' roles in that process) so that we can all work for environmental policy more effectively.

Our event will likely attract people interested in politics and/or the environment although all are welcome. As with all our events, our aim with this project is to bring together diverse perspectives and to facilitate productive discussions around environmental policy issues. Additionally, our guest speakers will lecture on international environmental policy (e.g. The Paris Agreement), and will thus provide valuable learning opportunities for attendees.

3. Are you pursuing any other sources of funding? If so, what are those sources, how much are you expecting to receive from them, and what will those funds be put toward? We can help you identify other sources of funding.

We will also use some of our funding from the Vancouver School of Economics Undergraduate Society to purchase small gifts for our two speakers (of approximately \$25 each).

4. What aspect(s) of your project will SEC funding be used for? Be as specific as possible with the allocation of funds.

We will use the SEC funding to provide vegetarian sandwiches from Agora Café catering to our attendees (as our event occurs during dinner time—4:30-7:30pm).