**Financial Bill**

**Type:** GRF  
**Number:** 13

**Quarter:** Winter  
**Year:** 2013

**Amount:** 350  
**No. of Guests:** 100 (70 Grads)

**Date:** 4/17/13  
**Location:** Institute of Americas

**Time:** 11:30 AM  
**Duration:** 7.5 hours

**Requestor:** Esteban F. Botero  
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**Event Name:** The other face of development and safety in Colombia

**Event Description:**

With the objective of attracting foreign investment and tourism to Colombia, we have seen in the last few years an increase of campaigns –both propagandistic and military– aiming to change the global opinion of Colombia as an unsafe location. This project has gone hand in hand with economic and social development and relief programs, which are often provided by international organizations and multinational corporations. In the discourse of the state, the entrance of these corporations and organizations is excused since they are intended to bring development through the creation of employment, the increase in national GDP, and the support and empowerment of local communities – often minority groups, such as indigenous peoples and Afro-descendant populations. However, the lived reality of local communities and their economies evidence a different outcome. Throughout the day, we will be exploring this other face of development and safety initiatives in Colombia; a face perhaps not so bright, but more attuned with the experiences of those who suffer directly the impacts of this type of development through human rights (e.g. women, collective, labor rights, etc.) violations and abuses. Throughout the film, the panel, the discussions, and the engaging conversations with other Colombians, activists, and academic, we will be exploring the different ways in which some indigenous communities, women, and other marginal groups in Colombia have experienced the negative effects of neoliberal policies and developmental and safety initiatives, as well as the role of human rights organizations and the Colombian state in this complicated situation.

**Event History:**  
First Time

**Budgetary Breakup**

Film: $300, Lunch: $750, Speaker (Flight, Visa, lodging): $2,650, Reception: $1050

**Other Considerations / Additional Comments**

**Other Sources**

IICAS, Critical Gender Studies, Possibly Cross Cultural Center, GSA Service Co-ordinator fund: $150

**Total Budget:** $3,900

**Finance Committee**  
Approved  
Denied

**GSA Council**  
Approved  
Denied  
Modified  
Withdrawn

**VP Finance**

**GSA President**