At the request of Dean Peterson, an ASM School of Business Student Council representative, the ASM Student Judiciary, on 10/2/96, interpreted the ASM Constitution and Bylaws in regards to Finance Committee members holding at-large seats and other ASM positions in the following manner:

ASM Constitution Article VII Section 1 (a) lines 2-3:
Three [members] shall be appointed annually by the SC from among ASM members not holding any other elected or appointed office in the ASM.

It is the decision of the Student Judiciary that this refers to only the officers outlined in ASM Bylaw Part One, Article Three, Section 1(a).

“Officer of the ASM” shall refer to anyone holding office by election of the members of the Associated Students of Madison, to the four ASM Members appointed to the SSFC under Article VIII, Section 1(c) of the Constitution, and to the Student Justices.

The three at-large Finance Committee members may hold any position not specifically outlined in the above section including student/faculty committees, campaign chair, or any other appointed position.

Another area of concern for the Student Judiciary was whether or not these three members should be considered officers (as could be inferred from the language in the Constitution) or appointees as defined in ASM Bylaw Part One, Article Three, Section 1(b).

As the section defining “Officers of the ASM” is very specific and does not include the three Finance Committee members in question in that definition, these three seats shall be considered “Appointees.”