Mr. Richards filed complaint with the ASM Student Judiciary as a means to get an official definition on the word “office” as it is used in the ASM Constitution and Bylaws. His main concern lies in the phrase “...not holding any other elected or appointed office in the ASM,” which is used frequently within the Constitution. Mr. Richards believes that this phrase is meant to include, among other positions, student/faculty appointees.

This is not the first time the Judiciary has been asked to deal with this issue. On 10/2/96 the Judiciary ruled on a request by Dean Peterson regarding the same wording and ruled that an “elected or appointed office” is held only by those defined as Officers in the ASM Bylaws.¹

Mr. Richards offered no testimony that convinced the Student Judiciary to overrule or change this decision. When the Constitution refers to those holding an “elected or appointed office in the ASM,” it is referring only to those defined as Officers in the ASM Bylaws.

¹ “Officer of the ASM’ shall refer to anyone holding office by election of the members of the ASM, to the four ASM Members appointed to the SSFC under Article VIII, Section 1 (c) of the Constitution, and to the Student Justices.” -ASM Bylaws Part One, Article Three, Section 1 (a).