

The union kept silent that professors were to
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In the case with the two professors of mathematics that were put under pressure to resign from Uppsala University, the union, of which one of the professors was a member, knew that the university planned to get rid of the professors. The union received the information one month in advance but chose not to inform its own member.

Anders Grundström, chairman of the Swedish Association of University Teachers in Uppsala:

- It is always difficult to know when one shall contact the member, and if one then unnecessarily worries the member a little bit, that can also be harmful.

- **One can get the impression that you ally yourself with the university administration, against your own union member.**

- That is possible, but was never the intention.

Anders Grundström says that he questioned that the local University Disciplinary Board had the authority to take up this case, in his opinion it should in such case be the State Disciplinary Board. He also understood the situation as that the university administration had reached the conclusion that there was not sufficient evidence to take the case to the University Disciplinary Board, and that instead the intention was that the vice-chancellor should talk to the two professors Burglind Jöricke and Oleg Viro. That the vice-chancellor at that meeting should say that he wanted them to resign came therefore as a surprise to Anders Grundström when he heard about it afterwards.