We have trust in Hallberg

Hans Dalborg, the chairman of the Board of Uppsala University, comments for the first time in public on the conflict around the Department of Mathematics.

He says that he supports the way in which the Vice-Chancellor acted against the two professors who were pressed to quit.

- There has always to be a space for unorthodox ideas and free exchange of opinions. One has to accept sharply formulated expression here or there. But that can not be allowed to lead to long, damaging conflicts at a department, he says.

Hans Dalborg, who is also the chairman of the Board of Nordea (a large banking concern) says that he and the rest of the members of the Board - the Konsistoriet - have been informed about the action taken against professors Viro and Jöricke. As for the details of how the Vice-Chancellor conducted the process, the Board has not discussed them.

- We have trust in Anders Hallberg's ability to handle this question.

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