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The conflict at Uppsala University, Part 3.

### **The Vice-Chancellor has never seen insulting messages**

**At the moment Upplandsnytt conducts an investigation of the case of two professors in mathematics, who were forced by the Vice-Chancellor of Uppsala University to resign. We can now tell that neither the Vice-Chancellor nor the Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences have ever seen an evidence in form of insulting e-mail messages, which was a part of the motivation for their actions against the two professors.**

According to the Vice-Chancellor Anders Hallberg, the two professors Oleg Viro and Burgling Jöricke were disloyal to the university and institute leadership and they also have harassed other employees at the institute with insulting comments, in particular, via e-mail. Therefore the Vice-Chancellor called them both to his office on 8th of February 2007 and explained that he wants them to resign. When the professors wanted to know more precisely in what they failed, they were not given any details.

The answer of the Vice-Chancellor was that they will be given details of all accusations only when the case will be submitted to the Disciplinary board. No minutes were taken at the meeting on February 8th, and no representative from the trade union was present despite Burgling Jöricke was a member of the trade union SULF of Swedish university teachers.

The question arises what kind of material was used for the accusations against the two professors. The Vice-Chancellor Anders Hallberg says that his actions were based on the information from other people. In particular, insults via e-mail have been happening.

### **"You can look for those e-mails somewhere"**

- My sources are the Working Environment Group and the Dean of the Faculty. I myself have not seen these messages, the Working Environment Group described them to me. You can look for those e-mails somewhere, maybe, the Dean of the Faculty has them.

Jan-Otto Carlsson, the Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences, was the one who from the very beginning asked the Vice-Chancellor to act in this story.

- I have got reports about all kinds of e-mails. I have got reports about insults via e-mail from some people. I do not dare to claim that those e-mails are somewhere collected. I do not have them, says Jan-Otto Carlsson.

## **E-mails have never been collected**

No, neither the Vice-Chancellor nor the Dean of the Faculty have seen the insulting messages, which Viro and Jöricke are accused of to have distributed via e-mail. When Uppsalanytt contacts university lawyer Per Abrahamsson who was one of those who led the Working Environment Group, he says that there is no collection of the alleged e-mails and such collection has never been existing.

What is left as evidence is just a collection of personal stories submitted to the Working Environment Group by some of the employees at the institute. However, in the report of the Working Environment Group one does not find any information about what Viro's or Jöricke's fault is. It is only said that "insults took place in different directions".

And the Working Environment Group has never asked the two professors about their point of view before the university forced both of them to resign.

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