

Anxiety among University Employees

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Now we hear further demands for an inquiry of the case of the two mathematics professors at Uppsala University. This is important for the whole university, because among the employees the affair has produced a fear to utter what they think, says Karl-Heinz Fieseler, lecturer at the university's Mathematics Department.

"According to my opinion there should be an independent commission which inquires for the accusations which resulted in Burglind's and Oleg's leaving the university. There is simply no longer any legal security here. It is like in a dictatorship," says Karl-Heinz Fieseler.

The affair with the two professors Viro and Jöricke which were forced by Vice-Chancellor Anders Hallberg to hand in their notices as a consequence of alleged disloyalty to the university and department management continues to excite feelings.

Last week the Gothenburg professor Bo Berndtson said in Radio Uppland that Anders Hallberg should step down, and now Karl-Heinz Fieseler thinks that the affair should be overlooked by external investigators. This is important for the whole Uppsala University, because among the employees the affair has produced a fear to utter what they think.

"There is nobody who dares any longer to say something. People do not know what is allowed to do and what is forbidden."

Also Karl-Heinz Fieseler has been hesitating to step forth publicly: "I am 56 years old and there is no chance for me to get another job. In such a situation one is of course afraid."

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