

THE ACADEMIC SYSTEM IS WORKING! HURRAY!!!

GOOD NEWS SHOULD BE MADE LOUD AND CLEAR. THAT IS WHY I WRITE IN BLOCK LETTERS.

Academy should defend their honour through never accepting plagiarism. I have reported earlier about Kristianstad University that promoted a person that have been found guilty of plagiarism. According to my knowledge, Siena University and the Italian publisher, Giuffrè, are among those involved in this sad story that has not performed necessary actions in order to defend their academic honour. But today the very good news is:

LUND UNIVERSITY HAVE DENIED THE PLAGIARISING PERSON OPPORTUNITY TO ACT AS A SUPERVISOR AT THEIR UNIVERSITY.

Lund University perform a business administration education that is considered to be among the most prestigious in Sweden. With their decision today they both support their reputation and show why they have this reputation.

THE SIGNAL FROM LUND UNIVERSITY IS LOUD AND CLEAR, NO ACCEPTANCE OF PLAGIARISM.

I am grateful for their support. Which is not a controversial position. It is a natural position for academics. What is controversial is when you do like Kristianstad University, Siena University and Giuffrè, when you accept the plagiarising action and the plagiarising person.

The action of Lund University indicates that at the final end, large universities are those that we have to depend upon, in order to safe guard academic standards. It is a sad conclusion. But the action of Lund University in this specific case is an empirical indication that cannot be neglected.

Once I thought that the smaller universities should have their freedom, in order to be able to create better performance than the large and inert universities. I experienced such a case when I was employed in Kristianstad. During some years we created a program and research that I think could be comparable to the best in Sweden, even compared to Lund University.

But the case of Kristianstad University today shows that the freedom can be exploited by individuals lacking a proper academic outlook and culture, being prepared to manage a corrupt recruitment process and to invent definitions of plagiarism no-one have heard about and no academic would ever accept (*plagiarism of text with low scientific value should not be punished*). Small universities are vulnerable for individuals and lack a proper academic culture. Therefor it is easier to create competitive educations at small universities. But sadly, as this case has shown, it is easier to drop necessary academic standards.

The solution, as indeed today's good news from Lund indicate, is that the large universities should be given a restricted monitoring function, in order to avoid similar aggression on academic standards that Kristaisntad University has performed. Lund University is needed in Kristianstad in order to defended academic standards.

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