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Ms. Garmager,

I am reliably informed that you intend to reduce the space allocated for research by Asst. Prof. Olle Johansson of The Experimental Dermatology Unit, Department of Neuroscience, and that as an administrator you are unaware of the importance of Prof. Johansson's work on behalf of humanity.

As an administrator you may not be aware why a university exists. Your proposed actions run counter to the purpose of a university which, as John Henry Newman explained, is "the diffusion and extension of knowledge". This is further clarified by The Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (which) defined the purpose of a university in terms of its "duty to foster religion, education, learning and research". By limiting Asst. Prof. Johansson's resources you are acting in direct contravention of the very purposes of the Karolinska Institute.

As a member of the League of European Research Universities (LERU) it would be much more beneficial to humanity and true to your purpose to either directly fund Prof. Johansson's research or direct research funding to him through LERU rather than limit his resources. This situation reveals an institutional bias against the protection of individuals affected by electromagnetic radiation.

Writing in 1987, Saul Bellow, 1976 Nobel Laureate, said, "... the university in a society ruled by public opinion, was to have been an island of intellectual freedom where all views were investigated without restriction." (Italics mine.)

Thus, by limiting (diminishing incrementally - this is the second time Johansson's resources have been curtailed) Asst. Prof. Johansson's resources you and those directing your actions are acting in direct contravention of the publicly perceived and supported purpose of the Karolinska Institute both by *raison d'être* and the explanation of your own Nobel Laureate.

Morally, ethically, philosophically and spiritually you are obliged to cease this exercise immediately.

Respectfully,

John Weigel
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