

email from Howard Davies to Erik Ringmar, 28/03/06, 13:52

I am overseas, hence the delay in replying.

I entirely support your convenor's views. I looked at the blog and it seemed to me to be damaging to the school and to contain criticisms of your colleagues, and of the school's promotions procedures, which are inappropriate. You accuse the school of systematic discrimination against non-British staff which I reject, and you say teaching is ignored in promotion decisions, which I know to be untrue. Your further messages to your colleagues and to me are disingenuous. The issue here is not a policy on blogging, it is whether a colleague can publicly abuse his employer and his colleagues without consequences. I further understand that you repeated these slurs to parents and prospective students, which is further cause for complaint. I think you should reflect carefully on your behaviour which I find most disappointing.

Howard Davies

-----Original Message-----

From: Ringmar,E

Sent: 27 March 2006 06:04

To: Davies,H

Subject: blogging

Dear Howard,

I need your advice. I used to have a blog which occasionally discussed events at the LSE, sometimes in a critical fashion. The convenor of my department, George Philip, strongly objected to what I wrote and has now forced me to take down the pages. My view is that a great School such as ours benefits from critical scrutiny and that I did nothing which can be construed as disloyal. However, I am very keen to make sure that what I do is in accordance with School rules. What is the official School policy on blogging? What are we allowed to say and what is not allowed? If there is no official policy, it seems we need one very badly.

yours,

Erik Ringmar

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