

DIT seeks even merger role

The Darwin Institute of Technology staff want proportional representation in the merger proceedings with the University College.

The DIT council chairman, Mrs Nan Gliese, will write to the Education Minister, Mr Tom Harris, voicing the staff concerns about the merger.

Almost the entire DIT staff turned up yesterday to a special meeting on the merger.

DIT staff-elected council member, Dr

Dean Patterson, said the staff, in the past month had become "increasingly nervous about the merger".

"Many feel it is not running as straight and true as they had hoped and dreamed in the early, heady days of the merger negotiations," Dr Patterson said.

Dr Patterson said he could not reveal the motions he took from the staff meeting to a meeting of the council last night, but said he was "amazed at the very strong sense of unity among the staff".

But DIT Student Association chairman, Ms Karen Jackson, who is also a member of the council, said the main issues in the staff motion were:

- Proportional representation on the five merger working parties.
- Staff, student and union representation in the higher education planning group.

Dr Patterson said a "wide range of concerns would be transferred to the minister by the council chairman, Mrs Gliese".