Pay for GTA’s – Not high enough, especially when given extra workload eg. Marking. Some reps already have had prior issues with being given additional work, or taking longer to get through so losing money.

Chair advises not a lot that the Dept can do about it, standard rates. If any problem with more work then should be raised at the time. Reps have done this previously.

ESRC Funding confusing, GA advises best thing is to check the ESRC T&C’s which relate to the award they have been granted. Also can speak to Sarah about certain things, and there is a designated contact in registry, Kay Wiggins, Who can also be contacted for advice.

Conference funding. Same as usual, speak to Sarah if unsure about anything. Contact her before booking anything. Forms to complete and return with supporting doc’s to be reimbursed available in mail room or via the office. Sarah also sends by email copies of anything she needs filled out. If in doubt, as her.

Not many social events for PGR’s in the Department. Groups don’t gel too well since they only communicate with those who have the same interests. Some Academic members of staff don’t even know who the students are during their whole study.

GA suggests that they use the money put aside and create social events where staff and students attend. Speak to GA and FA when they have some plans, can discuss viability and funds.

Next Meeting: TBC

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