Appendix A: AL questionnaire

Tuition interview questions – what is tuition? (Give questions in advance)

We are gathering information in connection with a project on ‘expectations of tutorials’ and would like to collect some initial views. All your responses will be anonymous. You will not be identified in any way.

To give context can we ask some questions about your background?

● What modules have you tutored on?
● Have you tutored in any other faculty?
● What is your experience of tuition outside the OU?

We are interested in the area of “group tuition” (this includes face to face, OU Live tuition and tuition via forum discussions.)

What do you think group tuition in the OU is for?

How have you come to this understanding of the purpose of group tuition? Have your expectations of the purposes of group tuition changed or developed since you started with the OU?

Can you tell us the mode of delivery for group tuition? Further to this, how is group tuition delivered on your module/s?

What are your objectives of your group tuition? / To what extent are you given guidance on the objectives of group tuition by your module team/s?

How do you decide what to include in your tutorials?

How do you decide when to offer tutorials, if you are able to do so?

Do you think that your views of group tuition align with those of

● the module team?
● staff tutors?
● other ALs?

How do you think students benefit from group tuition?

What do you think students see as the purposes of group tuition?

How does that influence the approach you take to planning/designing/delivering your tuition?