**Summary of ChemNet Skype meeting – 30/10/2013**

(summary by Stefan Huth)

**Host:** Kieran Lim (Deakin)

**Participants:** Glennys O’Brien (U Wollongong); Chris Fellows (U New England); Stefan Huth (La Trobe)

**Discussion points:**

1. **Glennys:** updating on on-going discussions with RACI on making TLOs criteria in accreditation process.
2. **Glennys**: ChemNet project (and funding) about to finish. How can we keep the network going?   
   - Kieran to continue hosting monthly Skype meetings (?).   
   - Which issues are going to keep ChemNet alive?
3. What are the issues/projects that you currently dealing with?   
   - **Chris**: Moving from semester to trimester model. Many off-campus students at UNE, who come in for one very intense week each trimester to complete practical components.  
   - **Stefan**: Acute pressure to save costs, which in future could have considerable effects on staffing and curriculum (lab program!).   
   - **Kieran**: Also budget pressures. Thinking of putting lab manuals online rather than providing hardcopies to students.
4. Potential topics for future ChemNet conversations:  
   - practical exams: assessing skills effectively