Annual Committee Report Template (2019-2020)

1. **Date of report**: March 13, 2020

2. **Name of Committee**: LTER Graduate Student Committee

3. **Name and site affiliation of the Committee Chair (or co-chairs or Executive Board)**: Brian Kim (Beaufort Lagoon Ecosystem)

4. **List of current members**: Allison Swartz (AND), Marie Tosa (AND), Natasha Christman (ARC), Ela Carpenter (BES), Emilia Grzesik (BNZ), Jeff Haight (CAP), Marina Lauck (CAP), Laura Lilly (CCE), Megan Wilcots (CDR), Charles Scaife (CWT), Kelsey Jill Solomon (CWT), Jonathan Rodemann (FCE), Sydney Williams (GCE), Jenny Bower (HBR), Fiona Jevon (HFR), Courtney Currier (JRN), Eli Perez Ruiz (JRN), Lindsey Kemmerling (KBS), Kent Connell (KNZ), Omar Gutierrez del Arroyo (LUQ), Anna Bergstrom (MCM), Sarah Power (MCM), Dana Cook (MCR), Miraflor Santos (NES), Kevin Archibald (NGA), Heidi Mendoza Islas (NGA), Vince Butitta (NTL), Chiara Forrester (NWT), Gregory Larsen (PAL), Christopher Whitney (PIE), Kyle Emery (SBC), Alesia Hallmark (SEV), Alice Besterman (VCR), Kinsey Tedford (VCR).

5. **How membership is determined (identified by sites, voluntary, appointed by the Executive Board, etc)**: The position of graduate student representative is determined by each site.

6. **Meeting frequency**: monthly

7. **Major activities or accomplishments for the year**: Joint CCE-MCR-SBC graduate student symposium. Non-academia career panel webinars.

8. **Currently active subcommittees or working groups**:

9. **Planned activities for the coming year**:

10. **Any recent or upcoming changes in leadership, purpose, or process**: actively looking for new co-chair

11. **(new for 2020)**: In 2020, the Science Council Meeting will be organized less around reports (which we plan to have available online, ahead of the meeting) and more around discussion of committee, LNO and EDI priorities.
Do you have specific questions or problems on which you would like to receive feedback from the LTER Science Council? (Please limit to one or two high priority questions from each committee and provide enough background to make sense of the question.)

This might include questions such as:

- How to prioritize efforts in various areas
- How strong PI interest is in different types of cross-site activities
- What kinds of changes or activities would draw PI interest in committee involvement?
- Are PIs aware of specific programs or resources that the committee should capitalize on?