**Petition Guidelines:**

A petition to the Nutritional Sciences Graduate Executive Committee is required under the following circumstances:

1. Request for a leave of absence
2. Request for a PhD student to take the comprehensive examination past the 7th semester
3. Continuation of a MS student in the NSGP past 3 years
4. Continuation of a PhD student in the NSGP past 6 years

Petitions must be made in writing and include:

1. Explanation of why suggested GEC timeline cannot be met
2. Proposed timeline for completion of degree
3. Signature of both student and mentor

Petition due dates will be March 15 and October 15 and should be submitted to Nancy Driscoll ([nancya@email.arizona.edu](mailto:nancya@email.arizona.edu)). The Graduate Executive Committee will review requests and approve or deny within three weeks of deadline.