



REPORT OF THE
NCAA COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ATHLETICS
DECEMBER 16, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEM.

1. Legislative items.

- **Refer stunt proposals to the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics for further review and discussion.**
 - (1) Recommendation. That the divisional governance bodies refer the proposals to add stunt as an emerging sport for women to the Committee on Women's Athletics for further review and discussion.
 - (2) Effective date. Immediate.
 - (3) Rationale. The committee oversees the emerging sports for women program and is tasked with vetting potential emerging sports to help grow participation opportunities for women. Accordingly, the committee reviewed and discussed new information that has become available related to stunt that was not available at the time of the committee's February 2022 recommendation for the divisional governance bodies to sponsor legislation to add stunt as an emerging sport for women. In particular, the committee noted the need to prioritize student-athlete health and well-being, which could be adversely affected by the new information. The committee deems it important to create opportunities for further discussions regarding possible impacts on the health and well-being of female student-athletes and to monitor pending legal cases before forwarding its recommendation. The committee also discussed the importance of receiving feedback from member schools that sponsor stunt to understand whether these new legal developments have impacted their programs, student-athlete well-being and the overall culture of the sport. This further review would allow the committee to make a more informed recommendation to the divisions.
 - (4) Estimated budget impact. None. Schools currently sponsoring stunt or considering sponsoring stunt may continue to do so and may use institutional funds to support these programs at their discretion.
 - (5) Student-athlete impact. This recommendation prioritizes the health and well-being of student-athletes by allowing further review to examine the culture of stunt. A referral back to the committee also allows current stunt student-athletes to continue participating and competing in the sport without interference.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The chair welcomed the committee and shared the meeting purpose to discuss new information regarding current legislative proposals to add stunt as an emerging sport for women [see NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2022-38 (Division I Membership, Personnel, Financial Aid, and Playing and Practice Seasons – Emerging Sports for Women – Women's Stunt), Division II Proposal No. 2023-6 (NCAA Division II Membership and Institutional Control, Financial Aid and Playing and Practice Seasons – Emerging Sports for Women – Stunt) and Division III Proposal No. 2023-13 (Division Membership – Establishing Stunt as an Emerging Sport for Women)].
2. **Background on stunt's emerging sport application and legislative process.** NCAA staff provided historical context for stunt's engagement with the emerging sport process including the committee's recommendation in February 2022 and current divisional proposals.
3. **Discussion on new information related to stunt.** The chair led a discussion regarding legal complaints that could impact student-athlete health and well-being, and the development and culture of stunt. The legal complaints include allegations of sexual abuse in youth cheerleading programs and were filed in September 2022, after the committee's recommendation in February 2022. NCAA legal staff noted that similar lawsuits have been filed since then and are at various stages of legal proceedings.
4. **Overview of potential next steps for stunt legislation.** The committee agreed that it would like to have further discussion about stunt given these legal complaints. Because the legislative proposals are properly sponsored in each division, the committee voted to recommend that the divisional governance bodies refer the proposals back to the committee. The committee also noted a desire to review the overall requirements for the Emerging Sport for Women program at a future meeting.
5. **Other Business.** No other business was discussed. The chair thanked the committee for its engagement and thanked outgoing committee members David Kuhlmeier and Betsy Mitchell for their service and dedication.
6. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: Ragean Hill, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Staff Liaisons: Maison Hubbard, Academic and Membership Affairs
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances
Gretchen Miron, Office of Inclusion
Shay Wallach, Office of Inclusion

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Attendees:	
Renee Bostic, State University of New York at New Paltz.	
Ragean Hill, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.	
Emma Kramer, Simon Fraser University.	
David B. Kuhlmeier, Valdosta State University.	
Monica M. Lebron, University of Tennessee.	
Miriam Merrill, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges.	
LaWanda Miller, Fayetteville State University.	
Kellianne Milliner, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	
Robert Nelson, California State University, Sacramento.	
Maya Riddlesprigger, California State University, Fullerton.	
Chuck Sack, Neumann University.	
Renie Shields, Saint Joseph's University.	
Marion Terenzio, State University of New York at Cobleskill.	
Absentees:	
Greg Bamberger, Fairmont State University.	
Gabby Elliott, Denison University.	
Miguel Martinez-Saenz, St. Francis College Brooklyn.	
Betsy Mitchell, School; Conference.	
Donna Price Henry, University of Virginia's College at Wise.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Micaela Liddane, Gretchen Miron, Shay Wallach.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Scott Bearby, Amanda Conklin, Chelsea Hooks, Maritza Jones, Felicia Martin, Jean Merrill, Stephanie Quigg, Angela Red, Bill Regan, Amy Wilson.	