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June 27, 2019

Attn: Committee on Women's Athletics
The National Collegiate Athletic Association
7000 W. Washington St.
P.O. Box 6222
Indianapolis, IN 46206-6222

Dear Committee Members,

Please accept this letter on behalf of Tiffin University in support of USA Cheer's effort to add STUNT as an NCAA emerging sport. USA Cheer's initiative to place STUNT on the emerging sports list is important, as it provides additional opportunities for women to participate in intercollegiate athletics and derive the important benefits from sports well after they graduate.

We are very excited to start our second year of STUNT, which is included in the twenty-six varsity athletic programs at Tiffin University. Our initial interest in STUNT was as an enrollment tool, but as we explored the program further, we found that it is a very competitive sport and it would fit nicely into our already successful athletic program.


Hannah Tyson, Head STUNT Coach, researched STUNT and submitted a proposal including a projected budget, projected enrollment for the next five years, and the importance of adding an additional women's varsity sport to the campus. The proposal was approved Fall 2017, which included recruiting for one academic year to begin the first season in Fall 2018. With a diverse roster, we have added more opportunities for female athletes to participate in a collegiate sport at the DII level.

Our STUNT program currently functions within the same parameters as our other NCAA DII programs do. We work with the athletic administration to make sure our practice times, required days off, GPA requirements for participation, coach training, CPR/safety training, scholarships, etc. are compliant. The STUNT team has their own practice space on campus along with their own lifting schedule in the weight room. The team hosted their first tournament in the indoor Track and Field facility on campus March 2019, and will again host a tournament in 2020. This season the team will also add a tri home meet in the gym the basketball teams and volleyball team competes in.

We appreciate and fully support the efforts of USA Cheer to secure NCAA emerging sport status for STUNT, and urge the Committee on Women's Athletics to approve their proposal for a formal designation. This is another step to recognize more varsity female athletes and give the sport the formal designation it deserves. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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**Tiffin University FY20 Budget
4530-STUNT Based on 25 Person Roster**

Account Description	FY 2020
F/T Salary - Stipends	\$10,000
Recruiting	\$3,000
Postage	\$100
Memberships/Dues	\$1,000
Printing - Stationary & Other	\$100
Printing - Catalogs & Brochure	\$300
Training Seminars & Conference	\$1,000
Game Exp - Away	\$8,760
Other Special Programing	\$1,500
Supplies - Uniforms/Play Equip	\$8,000
Furn & Equip - Major > \$2,500	\$9,000
Total	\$42,760


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