

On June 11, 2017, Aspen Group, Inc. ("Aspen Group") appointed Dr. Cheri St. Arnauld as Chief Academhh				

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 15, 2017 By:/s/ Michael Mathews

Name: Michael Mathews
Title: Chief Executive Officer

THIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") entered into as of June 11, 2017 (the "Effective Date"), between Aspen Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and Cheri St. Arnauld, Ed. D (the "Executive").

WHEREAS, in its business, the Company has acquired and developed certain trade secrets, including, but not limited to, academic curriculum processes and proceedings proprietary processes, sales methods and techniques, and other like confidential business and technical information, including but not limited to, technical information, design systems, pricing methods, pricing rates or discounts, processes, procedures, formulas, designs of computer software, or improvements, or any portion or phase thereof, whether patented, or not, or unpatentable, that is of any value whatsoever to the Company, as well as information relating to the Company's Services (as defined), information concerning proposed new Services, market feasibility studies, proposed or existing marketing techniques or plans (whether developed or produced by the Company or by any other person or entity for the Company), other Confidential Information, as defined in Section 9(a), and information about the Company's executives, officers, and directors, which necessarily will be communicated to the Executive by reason of her employment by the Company; and

WHEREAS, the Company has strong and legitimate business interests in preserving and protecting its investment in the Executive, its trade secrets and Confidential Information, and its substantial, significant, or key relationships with vendors and Students, as defined below, whether actual or prospective; and

WHEREAS, the Company desires to preserve and protect its legitimate business interests further by restricting competitive activities of the Executive during the term of this Agreement and for a reasonable time following the termination of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Executive has a substantial employment, educational and experience background in the areas of expertise desired by the Company and will retain ownership and the right to use all prior-gained skills, insights, techniques and abilities which the Executive brings to this employment and nothing in this agreement will obligate the Executive to forfeit that or the right to make a living by use of these pre-developed abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Company desires to employ the Executive and to ensure the continued availability to the Company of the Executive's services, and the Executive is willing to accept such employment and render such services, all upon and subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Company represents to the Executive that it is and 1111111

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants set forth in this Agreement, and intending to be legally bound, the Company and the Executive agree as follows:

1. Representations and Warranties. The Executive hereby represents and warrants to the Company that she (i) is not subject to any non-solicitation or non-competition agreement affecting her employment with the Company (other than any prior agreement with the Company or an affiliate of the Company), (ii) is not subject to any confidentiality or nonuse/nondisclosure agreement affecting her employment with the Company (other than any prior agreement with the Company or an affiliate of the Company), and (iii) has brought to the Company no trade secrets, confidential business information, documents, or other personal property of a prior employer. The recitals above are incorporated in this Agreement as representations and covenants. Each party covenants to act in good faith in the discharge of this Agreement. This Agreement replaces the Employment Agreement, as amended, between Aspen University Inc. and the Executive.

2. <u>Term of Employment.</u>

- (a) <u>Term.</u> The Company hereby employs the Executive, and the Executive hereby accepts employment with the Company for a period of three years commencing as of the Effective Date (such period, as it may be extended or renewed, the "Term"), unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions of Section 6. The Term shall be automatically renewed for successive one-year terms unless notice of non-renewal is given by either party at least 30 days before the end of the Term.
- (b) <u>Continuing Effect.</u> Notwithstanding any termination of this Agreement, at the end of the Term or otherwise, the provisions of Sections 6(e), 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 18, 19, and 22 shall remain in full force and effect and the provisions of Section 9 shall be binding upon the legal representatives, successors and assigns of the Executive.

3. Duties.

(a) General Duties. The Executive shall serve as the Chief Academic Officer of the Company, with duties and responsibilities that are customary for such an executive. The Executive shall report to the Company's Chief Executive Officer. The Executive shall also perform services for subsidiaries and affiliates of the Company as may be necessary. The Executive shall use her best efforts to perform her duties and discharge her responsibilities pursuant to this Agreement competently, carefully and faithfully. In determining whether or not the Executive has used her best efforts hereunder, the Executive's and the Company's delegation of authority and all surrounding circumstances shall be taken into account and the best efforts of the Executive shall not be judged solely on the Company's earnings or other results of the Executive's performance, except as specifically provided to the contrary by this Agreement, and the determination shall in any event be reasonable and shall not be made arbitrarily or capriciously by Company. The Executive shall, if

(b) <u>Devotion of Time</u> . Subject to the last sentence of this Section 3(b), the Executive shall devote her full time,
attention and energies to the affairs of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates as are necessary to perform her duties and
responsibilities pursuant to this Agreement. The Executive shall have reasonable off-hours and off-duty times for personal use. The
Executive shall not enter the employ of or serve as a consultant to, or in any way perform any services with or without compensation to, any
other persons, business, or organization, without the prior consent of the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board").
Notwithstanding the above, the Executive shall be permitted to devote a limited amount of her time, to rest and to Executive's personal,
professional, charitable or similar pursuits and interests and to organizations, including serving as a non-executive director or an advisor to a t
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6. <u>Termination</u>.

(a) Death or Disability. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, this Agreement shall automatically terminate undivided the disability of the Executive. For purposes of this Section 6(a), "disability" shall mean (i) the Executive is unable to engage in her customary duties by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death, or last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months; (ii) the Executive is, by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death, or last for continuous period of not less than 12 months, receiving income replacement benefits for a period of not less than three months under an accident and health plan covering employees of the Company; or (iii) the Executive is determined to be totally disabled by the Social Security Administration. Any question as to the existence of a disability shall be determined by the written opinion of the Executive's regularly attending physician (or her guardian) (or the Social Security Administration, where applicable). In the event that the

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(c) Other Termination.

- This Agreement may be terminated: (i) by the Executive for Good Reason (as defined below), (ii) by the Company without Cause, (iii) upon any Change of Control event as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(i)(5) provided, that, within 12 months of the Change of Control event (A) the Company terminates the Executives employment or changes her title as Chief Academic Officer, or (B) the Executive terminate her employment or (iv) at the end of a Term after the Company provides the Executive with notice of non-renewal.
- (2) In the event this Agreement is terminated by the Executive for Good Reason or by the Company "without Cause", the Executive shall be entitled to the following:
 - (A) any accrued but unpaid Base Salary for services rendered to the date of termination;
 - (B) any accrued but unpaid expenses required to be reimbursed under this Agreement;
 - (C) a payment equal to six months of the then Base Salary ("Severance Amount");
 - (D) the Executive or her legally appointed guardian, as the case may be, shall have up to three months from the date of termination to exercise all such previously granted options, provided that in no event shall any option be exercisable beyond its Term;
 - (E) any benefits (except perquisites) to which the Executive was entitled pursuant to Section 5(b) hereof shall continue to be paid or provided by the Company, as the case may be, for three months, subject to the terms of any applicable plan or insurance contract and applicable law provided that such benefits are exempt from Section 409A of the Code by reason of Treasury Regulation 1.409A-1(a)(5) or otherwise. In the event all or a portion of the benefits to which the Executive was entitled pursuant to Section 5(b) hereof are subject to 409A of the Code, the Executive shall not be entitled to the benefits that are subject to Section 409A of the Code subsequent to the "applicable 2½ month period" (as such term is defined under Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(4)(i)(A)).

- (3) In the event of a Change of Control during the Term subject to the termination of employment as outlined in section 6(c)91), the Executive shall be entitled to receive each of the provisions of Section 6(c)(2)(A) (E) above except the Severance Amount shall be equal to three months of the then Base Salary and the benefits under Section 6(c)(2)(E) shall continue for a three month period provided that such benefits are exempt from Section 409A of the Code by reason of Treasury Regulation 1.409A-1(a) (5) or otherwise. In the event all or a portion of the benefits under Section 6(c)(2)(E) are subject to 409A of the Code, the Executive shall not be entitled to the benefits that are subject to Section 409A of the Code subsequent to the "applicable 2½ month period" (as such term is defined under Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(4)(i)(A)).
- (4) In the event this Agreement is terminated at the end of a Term after the Company provides the Executive with notice of non-renewal and the Executive remains employed until the end of the Term, the Executive shall be entitled to the following:
 - (A) any accrued but unpaid Base Salary for services rendered to the date of termination;
 - (B) any accrued but unpaid expenses required to be reimbursed under this Agreement;
 - (C) the Executive or her legally appointed guardian, as the case may be, shall have up to three months from the date of termination to exercise all such previously granted options, provided that in no event shall any option be exercisable beyond its Term; and
- (5) In the event of a termination for Good Reason or without Cause, the payment of the Severance Amount shall be made at the same times as the Company pays compensation to its employees over the applicable monthly period and any other payments owed under Section 6(c) shall be promptly paid. Provided, however, that any b rovTtha Pather

The term "Good Reason" shall mean: (i) a material diminution in the Executive's authority, duties or responsibilities due to no fault of the Executive other than temporarily while the Executive is physically or mentally incapacitated or as required by applicable law (unless the Executive has agreed to such diminution); (ii) the Company no longer maintains an office in the metrupolitary Phoenix, Arizona area or (iii) any other action or inaction that constitutes a material breach by the Company under this Agreement. Prior to the Executive terminating her employment with the Company for Good Reason, the Executive must provide written notice to the Company, within 30 days following the Executive's initial awareness of the existence of such condition, that such Good Reason exists and setting forth in detail the grounds the Executive believes n"the

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- (b) <u>Solicitation of Students</u>. During the periods in which the provisions of Section 8(a) shall be in effect, the Executive, directly or indirectly, will not seek nor accept Prohibited Business from any Students (as defined below) on behalf of herself or any enterprise or business other than the Company, refer Prohibited Business from any Student to any enterprise or business other than the Company or receive commissions based on sales or otherwise relating to the Prohibited Business from any Student, or any enterprise or business other than the Company. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Student" means any person who enrolled in an online university or school which is a subsidiary of the Company as a student during the 24-month period prior to the time at which any determination is required to be made as to whether any such person is a Student.
- (c) <u>Solicitation of Employees</u>. During the period in which the provisions of Section 8(a) and (b) shall be in effect, the Executive agrees that she shall not, directly or indirectly, request, recommend or advise any employee of the Company to terminate his or her employment with the Company, for the purposes of providing services for a Prohibited Business, or solicit for employment or recommend to any third party the solicitation for employment of any individual who was employed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries and affiliates at any time during the one year period preceding the Executive's termination of employment.
- (d) <u>Non-disparagement</u>. The Executive agrees that, after the end of her employment, she will refrain from making, directly or indirectly, in writing or orally, any unfavorable comments about the Company, its operations, policies, or procedures that would be likely to injure the Company's reputation or business prospects; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that nothing herein shall preclude the Executive from responding truthfully to a lawful subpoena or other compulsory legal process or from providing truthful information otherwise required by law.
- (e) <u>No Payment</u>. The Executive acknowledges and agrees that no separate or additional payment will be required to be made to her in consideration of her undertakings in this Section 8, and confirms she has received adequate consideration for such undertakings, provided the Company has not breached this Agreement.

(f) <u>References</u>. References to the Company in this Section 8 shall include the Company's subsidiaries and affiliates.

9. Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information.

For purposes of this Agreement, "Confidential Information" excludes the skills, experience, education and abilities the Executive brings to this employment with her, but includes, but is not limited to, trade secrets, processes, policies, procedures, techniques, designs, drawings, show-how, technical information, specifications, computer software and source code, information and data relating to the development, research, testing, costs, marketing, and uses of the Services (as defined herein), the Company's budgets and strategic plans, and the identity and special needs of Students, vendors, and suppliers, subjects and databases, data, and all technology relating to the Company's businesses, systems, methods of operation, and Student lists, Student information, solicitation leads, marketing and advertising materials, methods and manuals and forms, all of which pertain to the activities or operations of the Company, the names, home addresses and all telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of the Company's directors, employees, officers, executives, former executives, Students and former Students. Confidential Information also includes, without limitation, Confidential Information received from the Company's subsidiaries and affiliates. For purposes of this Agreement, the following will not constitute Confidential Information (i) information which is or subsequently becomes generally available to the public through no act or fault of the Executive, (ii) information set forth in the written records of the Executive prior to disclosure to the Executive by or on behalf of the Company which information is given to the Company in writing as of or prior to the date of this Agreement, and (iii) information which is lawfully obtained by the Executive in writing from a third party (excluding any affiliates of the Executive) who lawfully acquired the confidential information and who did not acquire such confidential information or trade secret, directly or indirectly, from the Executive or the Company or its subsidiaries or affiliates and who has not breached any duty of confidentiality. As used herein, the term "Services" shall include all services offered for sale and marketed by the Company during the Term, which as of the Effective Date consist of operating an online university in compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements.

(b) <u>Legitimate Business Interests</u>. The Executive recognizes that the Company has legitimate business interests to protect and as a consequence, the Executive agrees to the restrictions contained in this Agreement because they further the Company's legitimate business interests. These legitimate business interests include, but are not limited to (i) trade secrets; (ii) valuable confidential business, technical, and/or professional information that otherwise may not qualify as trade secrets, including, but not limited to, all Confidential Information; (iii) substantial, significant, or key relationships with specific prospective or existing Students, vendors or suppliers; (iv) Student goodwill associated with the Company's business; and (v) specialized training relating to the Company's technology, Services, methods, operations and procedures. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Section 9(b) shall be construed to impose restrictions greater than those imposed by other provisions of this Agreement.

(c) Confidentiality. During the Term of this Agreement and following termination of employment, for any reason, the Confidential Information shall be held by the Executive in the strictest confidence and shall not, without the prior express written consent of the Company, be disclosed to any person other than in connection with the Executive's employment by the Company. The Executive further acknowledges that such Confidential Information as is acquired and used by the Company or its subsidiaries or affiliates is a specific field and bridge asset. The Executive shall exercise all dille and bridge and bridge asset. The Executive shall exercise all dille and bridge and bridge protect the integrity of the Company's Confidential Information and to keep it confidential whether it is in written form, on electronic media, oral, or otherwise. The Executive shall not copy any Confidential Information except to the extent necessary to her employment nor remove any Confidential Information or copies thereof from the Company's premises except to the extent necessary to her employment. All records, files, materials and other Confidential Information obtained by the Executive in the course of her employment with the Company are confidential and proprietary and shall remain the exclusive property of the Company, its Students. The Executive shall not, except in connection with and as required by her performance of her duties under this Agreement, for any reason use for her own benefit or the benefit of any person or entity other than the Company or disclose any such Confidential Information to any person, firm, corporation, association or other entity noth the

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- 17. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. The execution of this Agreement may be by actual or facsimile signature.
- 18. Attorneys' Fees. In the event that there is any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or to the interpretation, breach or enforcement thereof, and any action or proceeding is commenced to enforce the provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses (including such fees and costs on appeal).
- 19. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Agreement shall be governed or interpreted according to the internal laws of the State of Delaware without regard to choice of law considerations and all claims relating to or arising out of this Agreement, or the breach thereof, whether sounding in contract, tort, or otherwise, shall also be governed by the laws of the State of Arizona without regard to choice of law considerations.
 - 20. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the enti ede rpre fer entinemen w fty, cevt ide

