

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This Employment Agreement (“Agreement”) between THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE (“LSU”) and Christopher A. Brandi (“COACH”), dated the 26th day of June 2017, and is hereby amended as of the 28th day of June, 2019, as follows:

1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meaning shown:

- A. “LSU”: The campus of LSU which is located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- B. “President”: The President of LSU.
- C. “Athletic Director”: The Director of Athletics at LSU.
- D. “Base Salary Amount”: The annual sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000).
- E. “Start Date”: July 1, 2019.
- F. “End Date”: June 30, 2021.
- G. “Program”: The intercollegiate Men’s Tennis program at LSU A&M.
- H. “Team”: The intercollegiate athletic team which is a part of the Program.

2. **Employment.** No Change

3. **Duties and Responsibilities.** No Change

4. **Term.** No Change

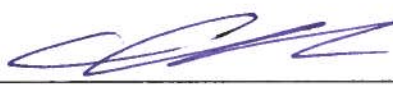
5. **Base Salary.** No Change

6. **Supplemental Compensation.** No Change
7. **Incentive Compensation.** No Change
8. **Retirement and Fringe Benefits.** No Change
9. **Additional Revenue.** No Change
10. **Sports Camps.** No Change
11. **Assignment and Retirement Benefits.** No Change
12. **Termination.** No Change
13. **Retention and Return of all Materials, Records, and Other Items.** No Change
14. **Annual Leave and Overtime.** No Change
15. **Non-Assignment.** No Change
16. **Entire Contract.** No Change
17. **Amendments to Contract.** No Change
18. **Severability.** No Change
19. **No Waiver of Default.** No Change
20. **Sovereign Immunity Not Waived.** No Change
21. **"Force Majeure" Clause.** No Change
22. **Governing Law and Venue.** No Change

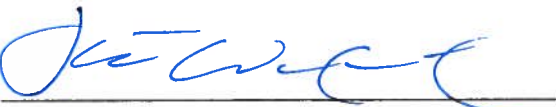
THE PARTIES hereto, acknowledging that this Agreement is subject to approval of the Board of Supervisors, have executed this Agreement on the day, month and year first above written.

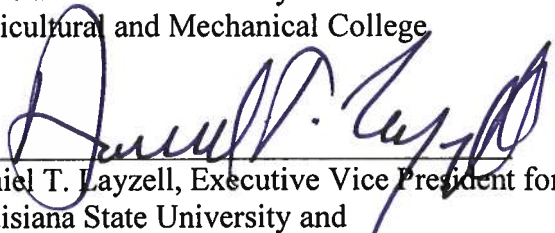
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOUISIANA
STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL
AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE

By:  7.1.19
F. King Alexander, Ph.D., President Date
Louisiana State University and
Agricultural and Mechanical College


Christopher A. Brandi Date

RECOMMENDED:


Scott Woodward, Director of Athletics
Louisiana State University and
Agricultural and Mechanical College


Daniel T. Layzell, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration/CFO
Louisiana State University and
Agricultural and Mechanical College

Schedule A – Supplemental Terms for Christopher A. Brandi No Change

Approved:

By: 
F. King Alexander, Ph.D., President
Louisiana State University and
Agricultural and Mechanical College

By: 
Christopher A. Brandi

STATE OF LOUISIANA

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EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This Employment Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered into as of this 26th day of June 2017, by and between BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE (“LSU”), a body corporate existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, herein represented by F. King Alexander, its duly authorized President, and Christopher A. Brandi (“COACH”):

1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meaning shown:

- A. “LSU”: The campus of LSU which is located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- B. “President”: The President of LSU.
- C. “Athletic Director”: The Director of Athletics at LSU.
- D. “Base Salary Amount”: The annual sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000).
- E. “Start Date”: June 26, 2017.
- F. “End Date”: June 30, 2020.
- G. “Program”: The intercollegiate Men’s Tennis program at LSU A&M.
- H. “Team”: The intercollegiate athletic team which is a part of the Program.

2. **Employment.** LSU does hereby employ COACH as Head Coach of the Team. COACH will report directly to the Athletic Director and through the Athletic Director to the President. COACH will be responsible for the Program at LSU. It is the goal of the parties that COACH will serve in such position throughout the term of this Agreement. It is understood, however, that LSU retains the right to assign COACH to other positions

within LSU with different duties without penalty during the term of this Agreement, provided that COACH will not be assigned to any position which is not consistent with COACH's education and training. COACH hereby agrees to accept such employment and to devote full-time attention to the performance of the duties herein.

3. **Duties and Responsibilities.** As Co-Head Coach of Team, COACH's duties and responsibilities shall include the following, all subject to law, LSU policy, and the directives, input, and advice of the President and the Athletic Director:

- A. Administering, managing, and leading the Program in a professionally appropriate and competent manner;
- B. Administering, managing, and leading the Program in an effort to effectively compete in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) play;
- C. Hiring and managing the assistant coaches and other athletic staff necessary and appropriate to assist COACH in meeting the responsibilities herein;
- D. Directing the Program, including management of staff, budget, and other resources;
- E. Being reasonably knowledgeable, with reasonable assistance of LSU, of: (i) applicable federal and state laws governing intercollegiate athletics; and (ii) all governing constitutions, by-laws, rules, policies, interpretations, and regulations of the NCAA, the Southeastern Conference (SEC), LSU, and any other conference or organization of which LSU is or becomes a member during the

term of this Agreement; all hereinafter collectively referred to as “**Governing Athletics Regulations**”;

- F. Assuring and monitoring compliance with Governing Athletics Regulations by COACH and all student athlete members of the Team, assistant coaches, other Program staff members, and other individuals under or subject to COACH’s direct control, authority, or supervision;
- G. Promptly reporting any violation of Governing Athletics Regulations to the Associate Athletic Director for Compliance;
- H. Cooperating fully in any investigation of possible NCAA violations conducted or authorized by LSU or the NCAA at any time;
- I. Reasonably observing, respecting, and promoting the principles of institutional control in the Program;
- J. Reasonably understanding, observing, and upholding LSU’s reasonable, written academic standards, requirements, and policies, and reasonably promoting an environment in which admissions, financial aid, academic services for student athletes, and recruiting can be conducted consistently with LSU’s mission (provided said mission is reasonable and communicated to COACH in writing);
- K. Using reasonable and good faith personal efforts to cultivate and maintain effective relations with the Board of Supervisors, affiliated foundations, conferences, institutional alumni, the media, the public, students, faculty, staff, and friends of LSU;

- L. Using reasonable efforts to exercise due care and supervision to provide that all student athletes, assistant coaches, other program staff members, and other individuals under or subject to COACH's control, authority, or supervision comply with all Governing Athletics Regulations and act in accordance with the high moral, ethical, and academic standards of the Program and LSU;
- M. Using reasonable efforts to promote the goal of LSU, that every student athlete obtain a baccalaureate degree, and reasonably cooperating with academic counselors or similar persons designated by LSU to assist student athletes and the faculty and administrators of LSU in connection with the academic pursuits of student athletes;
- N. Performing these duties at all times in a manner consistent with good sportsmanship and in accordance with the high moral, ethical, and academic standards of the Department of Athletics and LSU;
- O. Performing all other reasonable duties customarily performed by head coaches in Team's sport of commensurate rank serving other NCAA member institutions.

4. **Term.** The term (the "Term") of this Agreement shall be for a definite term, commencing on the Start Date and ending on the End Date unless terminated sooner in accordance with Section 11 of this Agreement. This Agreement will automatically be renewed for an additional period of one year effective the day after the End Date and each anniversary thereof unless the Agreement has been terminated pursuant to Section 11 or written notice of non-renewal has been given by either party at least 30 days before the End Date.

5. **Base Salary.** LSU agrees to pay COACH the Base Salary Amount annually, in twelve (12) equal monthly installments.

6. **Supplemental Compensation.**

- A. In addition to the salary described above, COACH each contract year will receive Supplemental Compensation in an amount of Five Thousand and No/100ths dollars (\$5,000.00) for COACH appearing on or participating in, as requested, University sanctioned television, radio and internet programs concerning LSU and the Team. The amount of Supplemental Compensation payable to COACH shall be based on the number of radio, television, and internet programs in which COACH participates or appears and shall be determined by the Athletic Director. Any amount earned by COACH pursuant to this provision shall be considered earned on the date(s) on which COACH appears on or participates in the television, radio, and internet programs and shall be paid within 30 days of the last game played by Team in its season, including any post-season play.
- B. COACH shall not appear without the prior written approval of the President on, or in, any radio, television, or internet programs or other electronic medium other than those produced or sponsored by LSU, except routine news media interviews for which no compensation is received. COACH shall not appear in or make any commercial or commercial endorsement without the prior written approval of the President and the Athletic Director. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

7. Incentive Compensation.

- A. Post-Season Incentive Compensation.** In the event the Team participates in post-season games, LSU agrees to pay COACH Post-Season Incentive Compensation as additional compensation for the extra services required of COACH in the preparation for and participation in post-season play as follows in accordance with LSU's policies and procedures. The additional sum or sums, if payable, shall be considered earned on the date(s) services are provided for each game at which a post-season goal is attained (or, for SEC Regular Season Champion, the date of the last SEC game in Team's sport played by any SEC team during the regular season) and shall be paid within sixty (60) days following the final post-season game in which Team participates. This Post-Season Incentive Compensation shall be in the amounts and for meeting the goals set forth in Schedule A, which is attached to and made a part of this Agreement. Post-Season Incentive Compensation may be payable from affiliated foundation funds, subject to approval of LSU and the foundation. To be eligible for such compensation, COACH must provide additional services required in the preparation for and participation in post-season play and must be employed by LSU as of the date on which the incentives are earned.
- B. Academic Incentive Compensation.** In the event the multi-year Academic Performance Rate "APR" [as defined by the NCAA] for the Program is the minimum APR multi-year score established by the NCAA (current minimum score is 930) in any one contract year, LSU agrees to pay COACH additional compensation in the amount of Five Thousand and No/100 dollars (\$5,000) per

contract year. The additional compensation, if payable, shall be considered earned on the date on which the APR for LSU is released while COACH is employed at LSU and shall be paid within sixty (60) days of such date. Academic Incentive Compensation may be payable from affiliated foundation funds, subject to approval of LSU and the foundation. To be eligible for such compensation, COACH must be employed by LSU as of the date on which the incentives are earned.

8. **Retirement and Fringe Benefits.** COACH shall be entitled to participate in the retirement and fringe benefit programs available to all unclassified professional LSU employees, with contributions and benefit amounts (including state retirement benefits) based only upon the Base Salary Amount and any Post-Season Incentive Compensation. During the term of this Agreement and in accordance with applicable LSU policy and applicable law, COACH will also receive the following benefits, part or all of which may be payable from affiliated foundation funds, subject to approval of LSU and the foundation:

A. Membership(s) in a social club, such as the University Club of Baton Rouge, provided that: (i) monthly dues shall be payable from affiliated foundation funds, subject to approval of such foundation; (ii) business-related (non-personal) expenses incurred in accordance with LSU and foundation policy will be reimbursed from affiliated foundation funds; and (iii) COACH shall be responsible for payment of all personal charges. Club membership(s) is subject to approval by the Athletic Director.

- B. Mobile communications device and service;
- C. COACH will be allowed to invite guest(s) for travel to athletic events on chartered commercial transportation subject to approval by the Athletic Director, not to be unreasonably withheld.
- D. An annual automobile allowance in the amount up to \$1,000 per month or, to the extent consistent with state ethics law, use of courtesy vehicle provided by dealership and related insurance reimbursed from affiliated foundation funds
- E. As part of any third-party apparel and/or equipment related contract with LSU, COACH acknowledges and agrees that TEAM may be provided and/or allocated apparel and/or equipment from and by LSU, which apparel and equipment shall be used exclusively and solely by COACH in furtherance of COACH's employment duties and Team-related activities as applicable to COACH's employment with LSU.
- F. Other customary, reasonable and related employee benefits to be provided by foundations affiliated with LSU, as authorized by the President after a review by the LSU System General Counsel and a determination that such benefits are in compliance with LSU policy and the Louisiana Code of Ethics.

9. Additional Revenue.

Subject to the limitations imposed by this Section and compliance with applicable laws and Governing Athletics Regulations, if any, and LSU's PM-11, EMPLOYEE may earn or receive other revenue ("Additional Revenue") while employed by LSU, including

sponsoring or working with sports camps or clinics, provided, however, that EMPLOYEE shall obtain prior written approval from the Athletic Director or President, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, before engaging in any commercial or private venture, including the use of EMPLOYEE's name by any commercial, public or private entity. LSU does not guarantee any amount of Additional Revenue.

10. **Sports Camps.** COACH, subject to Governing Athletics Regulations and Athletic Department guidelines, rules and regulations, may operate or work at sports camps/clinics at LSU. LSU does not guarantee or provide any supplemental compensation or additional revenue from operation of sports camps/clinics. COACH shall not be permitted to sell, assign, lease, donate or otherwise transfer any ownership, assets or interests in such a camp or clinic to any other person or entity, without the prior written approval of the President.

11. **Assignment and Retirement Benefits.**

- A. **Assignment.** To the extent permitted by law, COACH may require LSU to contract with a separate legal entity, whether under the control of COACH or not, for the performance of any services by COACH required or authorized under Sections 6 (Supplemental Compensation, if any) and 10 (Sports Camps). The form of the contract shall be subject to the approval of LSU, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- B. **Retirement Benefits.** Regardless of whether the services are performed directly for LSU or through contract with a separate legal entity, whether such other entity is under the control of COACH or not, sums paid or authorized under Section 6

(Supplemental Compensation, if any), 7.B (Academic Incentive Compensation), 8 (Fringe Benefits), 9 (Additional Revenue), and 10 (Sports Camps) of this Agreement shall not be considered “base pay,” “earned compensation,” or “earnable compensation” as such terms are defined in Louisiana Revised Statutes 11:403 and 11:701, or other applicable Louisiana retirement laws, and shall not be included as compensation for the purpose of computation of retirement benefits. Only the Base Salary Amount and any Post Season Incentive Compensation earned pursuant to Section 7.A shall be considered for the purpose of computation of retirement benefits.

12. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by the parties as follows:

- A. **Termination by LSU for Cause.** This Agreement may be terminated for "cause" by LSU, acting through the President, at any time prior to its expiration, upon written notice to COACH. In the event of termination for cause, COACH's Base Salary Amount, Supplemental Compensation (if any), and all other compensation and benefits provided for in this Agreement shall terminate on the termination date, and LSU shall not thereafter be liable to COACH for any sums or damages other than compensation earned prior to the termination date. The termination date shall be the date on which notice of termination is given, or on such later date as may be set forth by LSU in the notice of termination.

For purposes of this Section, “cause” for termination shall be defined as:

- (1) Committing a material and substantial violation (including repeated secondary violations) of Governing Athletics Regulations, or failing promptly to report any

such violation by another person to the President and the Associate Athletic Director for Compliance;

- (2) Commission of a material and substantial violation of Governing Athletics Regulations involving any aspect of the Program by any other person if either: (i) the violation occurs or continues to occur after COACH knew or had constructive knowledge that it was about to occur or was occurring, or (ii) COACH failed to establish and maintain reasonable policies and procedures, or to follow reasonable policies and procedures established in writing by the Athletic Department for the Program to prevent violations of Governing Athletics Regulations from occurring and to detect promptly any such violations which may occur;
- (3) Committing or being convicted of either: (i) any felony; or (ii) any misdemeanor involving gambling, drugs, or alcohol;
- (4) Engaging in serious misconduct which either: (i) displays a continual, serious disrespect or continual, serious disregard for the mission of LSU; (ii) brings COACH into substantial public disrepute sufficient to materially impair COACH's ability to perform the obligations contained herein without material adverse impact on the Team or Program; or (iii) constitutes moral turpitude or breaches the high moral and ethical standards applicable to COACH as a visible representative of LSU;
- (5) Unreasonably refusing or repeatedly failing to perform any duties imposed upon COACH herein (including, but not limited to, those duties and responsibilities set forth in Section 3 of this Agreement), or failing to perform the same to the best of

COACH's reasonable ability, after written notice to COACH of LSU's reasonable expectation;

- (6) Knowingly committing material or repeated significant violations of any provision of this Agreement, provided said initial violations are not cured within ten (10) days of COACH's receipt of written notice of the same;
- (7) Prolonged absence from LSU without its consent, which will not unreasonably be withheld;
- (8) (i) Intentionally or with reckless disregard for the truth committing fraud in the performance of any duties and responsibilities herein, including, but not limited to, fraud in the preparation, falsification, or alteration of documents or records of LSU, the NCAA, or the SEC, or documents or records pertaining to any recruit or student athlete, including without limitation transcripts, eligibility forms, and compliance reports; or (ii) counseling, instructing, encouraging, or knowingly permitting any other person to commit such fraud;
- (9) (i) Failing to respond reasonably accurately and fully within a reasonable time to any reasonable requests or inquiry relating to the performance of any duties herein or at any prior employment at any other institution of higher learning propounded by LSU, the NCAA, the SEC or any other governing body having supervision over the athletic programs of LSU or such other institution of higher education, or required by law or Governing Athletics Regulations; or (ii) counseling, instructing, encouraging, or knowingly and intentionally permitting any other person to fail to so respond;

- (10) (i) Participating in any gambling, bookmaking, wagering, or betting involving any athletic contest whether by soliciting, placing, or accepting a bet or wager or through a bookmaker, a pool, or any other method of gambling; or (ii) counseling, instructing, encouraging, or knowingly and intentionally permitting any student athlete, assistant coach, or other individual under or subject to COACH's control, authority, or supervision to participate in such activity;
- (11) (i) Furnishing any information or data, other than information or data provided to the general public through press conferences, news releases, and the like, relating in any manner to any intercollegiate sport or to any student athlete to any individual whom COACH knows (or has constructive knowledge) to be a gambler, better, or bookmaker, or an agent of any such person; or (ii) counseling, instructing, or encouraging any student athlete, assistant coach, or other individual under COACH's control, authority, or supervision to furnish such information or data;
- (12) Using or consuming alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, steroids, or other drugs or chemicals to such degree and for such appreciable period as to substantially impair COACH's ability to perform the duties herein;
- (13) Selling, purchasing, using, or possessing any controlled substances, steroids, or other drugs or chemicals, the sale, purchase, use, or possession of which by COACH is prohibited by law or Governing Athletics Rules. The provisions of this subsection do not prohibit the use or possession of substances or drugs lawfully prescribed by a healthcare provider, and used in accordance therewith.

- (14) Knowingly encouraging or permitting the sale, purchase, use, or possession by any student athlete, assistant coach, or other individual under COACH's control, authority, or supervision of any controlled substances, steroids, or other drugs or chemicals, the sale, purchase, use, or possession of which by such person is prohibited by law or Governing Athletics Rules;
- (15) (i) Failing reasonably to cooperate in the investigation and enforcement of Governing Athletics Regulations; or (ii) counseling, instructing, or encouraging any other person to fail to cooperate in such investigation and enforcement;
- (16) Subject to any right of administrative appeal permitted or granted to COACH by the NCAA or SEC, the making or rendition of a finding or determination by the NCAA, SEC, or any commission, committee, council, or tribunal of the same, of any major or repetitive violations by COACH of NCAA or SEC rules, or of any such major or repetitive violations by others under the direct supervision of COACH which were knowingly and intentionally permitted, encouraged, or condoned by COACH, or about which violations COACH knew or should have known (constructive knowledge), and should have acted reasonably to prevent, limit, or mitigate (it is recognized that this sub-section includes findings or determinations of violations during employment of COACH at any other institution of higher education); or
- (17) Failing to report promptly to the Associate Athletic Director for Compliance any violations of Governing Athletics Regulations involving the Team of which COACH has actual knowledge.

Any judgment as to whether the criteria contained in this section have been met shall not be made arbitrarily or capriciously by LSU. Prior to termination for cause, COACH: (i) shall be provided with written notice of contemplated termination and a statement of the grounds and facts in support thereof; and (ii) shall have five calendar days from receipt of such notice to make a written request for a hearing on the contemplated action. A hearing will be held by the President or his designee(s), and at the hearing COACH shall have the right to counsel and to present the testimony of witnesses and other reliable evidence. The procedures shall conform to, and evidence may be considered, consistent with federal and state due process standards for such hearings.

All compensation, including salary, benefits, and other remuneration set forth in this Agreement incidental to COACH's employment, cease upon termination, other than compensation owed COACH for services performed by COACH prior to termination.

B. Termination by LSU Without Cause.

- (1) LSU shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without cause upon written notice to COACH. In such event, LSU will pay COACH liquidated damages, in lieu of any and all other legal remedies or equitable relief as detailed below. In the event of termination by LSU without cause, COACH's Base Salary, Supplemental Compensation (if any), Fringe Benefits, and all other compensation and benefits provided for in this Agreement shall terminate on the termination date, and LSU shall not thereafter be liable to COACH for any sums or damages other than the

liquidated damages provided for herein and any compensation earned pursuant to this Agreement prior to the termination date. The termination date shall be the date on which notice of termination is given, or on such later date as may be set forth by LSU in the notice of termination.

- (2) Liquidated damages under this Section 12.B will be the Base Salary per year for the remaining term of this Agreement, including any extended term. A partial year shall be pro-rated.
- (3) Liquidated damages under this Section 12.B will be paid in equal monthly installments over a period of time equal to the amount of time then remaining in the term of this Agreement, including any extended term.
- (4) In the event of termination by LSU without cause, the amount of liquidated damages owed by LSU under this Section 12.B shall be reduced and extinguished by and to the extent of any compensation COACH earns, receives, or is entitled to receive from the termination date until LSU's obligation pursuant to this Section 12.B to COACH terminates or ceases to exist. COACH shall exercise due diligence and good faith in seeking other athletically-related employment. In the event COACH obtains such other employment, COACH will notify LSU and provide any and all documentation requested by LSU to determine the amount of compensation received by COACH and the amount of offset due to LSU.
- (5) The parties have bargained for this liquidated damages provision, giving consideration to the following. This is a contract for personal services. The parties recognize that termination of this Agreement by LSU prior to its expiration by lapse of term would cause COACH to lose the salary, supplemental

compensation, fringe benefits, certain other LSU-provided benefits, and possibly other income and benefits provided by third parties, which damages are impossible to determine with certainty. As such, the damages to be suffered by COACH in the event of a termination of this Agreement by LSU without cause are difficult to presently and accurately estimate. In addition, the parties expressly agree that all liquidated damages herein are not in any way a penalty.

C. Termination by COACH Without Cause.

- (1) COACH shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty days written notice to LSU. In the event COACH terminates this Agreement without cause, COACH will pay LSU liquidated damages, in lieu of any and all other legal remedies or equitable relief. In the event of termination by COACH without cause, COACH's Base Salary, Supplemental Compensation (if any), Fringe Benefits, and all other compensation and benefits provided for in this Agreement shall terminate on the termination date, which shall be no later than thirty days after the written notice is provided to LSU (unless otherwise mutually agreed by LSU and COACH), and LSU shall not thereafter be liable to COACH for any sums or damages other than any compensation earned pursuant to this Agreement prior to the termination date.
- (2) Liquidated damages under this Section 12.C shall be (i) forty ~~40%~~ percent of all remaining guaranteed Base Salary and Supplemental Compensation due under the Agreement on the termination date if EMPLOYEE accepts employment in a coaching position with another Southeastern Conference tennis program; or (ii) fifteen (15%) percent of the remaining guaranteed Base Salary and Supplemental Compensation

due under the contract if hired for a coaching position with a tennis program outside of the Southeastern Conference. EMPLOYEE shall have the option to pay such amount in a lump sum or in equal monthly installments over a period of time equal to the amount of time then remaining in the Agreement, including any extended term. EMPLOYEE must notify LSU in writing of the payment option he elects on or before the date the first monthly installment would be due. If EMPLOYEE elects the lump sum option, payment in full shall be due on or before sixty (60) days after the termination date. If EMPLOYEE elects to pay in monthly installments, each installment shall be due on or before the last day of each remaining month in the Agreement.

- (3) Liquidated damages under this Section 12.C may be waived, in the sole discretion of the President, if COACH is not in breach of any provision of this Agreement and LSU determines that such a waiver would serve the best interests of LSU, considering factors such as, but not limited to, COACH's length of service with LSU, whether COACH is taking another athletically-related job, the impact the timing of COACH's notice has on the Team (whether it is given before, during, or after the Team's season and recruiting period), COACH's ability and willingness to assist LSU if requested during any transition period (such as during post-season play after giving notice at the end of the regular season), ease of recruiting a replacement for COACH, and the impact requiring the payment of liquidated damages would have on recruiting and retaining other similarly-situated coaches.
- (4) The parties have bargained for this liquidated damages provision, giving consideration to the following. This is a contract for personal services. The parties

recognize that termination of this Agreement by COACH prior to its expiration by lapse of term would cause LSU to incur administrative, recruiting, and resettlement costs in obtaining a replacement head coach for Team, in addition to potentially increased compensation costs and loss of ticket revenues, which damages are impossible to determine with any certainty.

- (5) Unless notice of termination under this Section 12 has been given by either party, neither COACH nor COACH's agent shall, under any circumstances, discuss or negotiate directly or indirectly prospective employment with any other institution of higher education, professional athletic team, or other athletically-related (including media and sports marketing) prospective employer without giving at least 24 hours prior written notice to the President and the Athletic Director.

D. Suspension or Other Disciplinary Action.

- (1) In lieu of termination for cause, and apart from any rights it may have under Section 12.A, LSU may impose disciplinary sanctions less severe than termination upon COACH, up to and including suspension or leave without pay for a period no longer than ninety (90) days for any act or omission which would be grounds for termination for cause. Imposition of such sanctions shall be at the discretion of LSU, which shall not be exercised arbitrarily or capriciously.
- (2) LSU may suspend COACH for an indefinite period during any investigation by LSU, another governmental entity, or the NCAA or SEC to determine whether COACH has violated any laws or Governing Athletics Regulations. During such suspension, COACH shall receive only the Base Salary, and shall not be entitled to receive any other benefits, compensation or remuneration set forth in this

Agreement for the period of such suspension. If the matter giving rise to the suspension is finally resolved completely in favor of COACH, and does not otherwise represent an independent basis for termination herein for cause, LSU shall pay or make available to COACH the benefits and other compensation herein otherwise payable to COACH during the period of suspension. Any such benefits which are payable pursuant to this Agreement by an affiliated foundation shall only be paid by such foundation, subject to its approval. Suspension under this sub-section shall not limit any rights of LSU to terminate COACH for cause.

- (3) COACH shall be subject to disciplinary or corrective action by the NCAA or SEC for any violation of NCAA and SEC regulations, respectively. Such action by the NCAA or the SEC shall not preclude or in any manner affect LSU's right to take such other corrective or disciplinary action as it deems necessary or proper, including termination for cause.

E. Termination by Death or Disability. In the event of the death of COACH or the inability of COACH to perform the obligations described in this Agreement by reason of illness or some other occurrence beyond the control of either party, and such inability to perform has continued or will continue beyond a reasonable period of time, but not less than one hundred twenty (120) days, this Agreement shall terminate as a termination with cause and all future obligations between the parties shall cease upon the termination date reasonably established by LSU, unless otherwise required by law.

F. Waiver of Claims. The financial consequences of termination of this Agreement or suspension herein are exclusively set forth herein. Therefore, with the sole

exception of payments required by this Agreement, in any instance of termination for cause or without cause, or suspension or other disciplinary sanction effected in accordance with the procedures established in this Agreement, neither COACH nor LSU shall be entitled to receive, and each hereby waives any claim against the other, and their respective board members, officers, directors, agents, employees, successors, and personal representatives for consequential damages by reason of any alleged economic loss, including without limitation loss of collateral income, deferred income, loss of earning capacity, loss of business opportunity, loss of perquisites, loss of fees from speaking, camps or other outside activity, or expectation income, or damages allegedly sustained by reason of alleged humiliation or defamation or other non-compensatory and compensatory damages and attorney's fees resulting from the fact of termination, the public announcement thereof, or the release by LSU or COACH of information or documents required by law. COACH acknowledges that in the event of either termination of this Agreement for cause, without cause, or otherwise, or suspension or other disciplinary sanction effected in accordance with the procedures established in this Agreement, COACH shall have no right to occupy the position of head coach of Team and that COACH's sole remedies are provided herein and shall not extend to injunctive relief. COACH further acknowledges and agrees that COACH is not eligible for will not be considered for or granted tenure by LSU.

13. **Retention and Return of all Materials, Records, and Other Items.** All documents, records, or materials, including without limitation personnel records, recruiting records,

team information, films, statistics, or any other material or data furnished to COACH by LSU or developed by COACH on behalf of or at the expense of LSU or otherwise in connection with the employment of COACH are and shall remain the sole and confidential property of LSU. Within ten (10) days of the expiration or termination of this Agreement, COACH shall cause any such materials in COACH's possession or control to be delivered to LSU. At the same time, COACH shall return to LSU all credit cards, keys, computers, mobile communication devices and other items belonging to LSU which were issued to or are in the possession of COACH.

14. **Annual Leave and Overtime.** Because of the specific nature of COACH's job duties and the irregular times during which COACH will be required to perform those job duties (for example, working in excess of 40 hours per week during Team's season, post-season, and recruiting period, while having fewer responsibilities in the off-season), COACH will not earn or accrue annual leave, nor will COACH be entitled to any overtime pay or compensatory leave for work in excess of 40 hours in any one week. COACH's Base Salary has been mutually negotiated with this understanding, and both CAOCH and LSU agree that the Base Salary Amount would be less if COACH were entitled to earn annual leave.

- A. If any administrative tribunal, statewide elected official, or state board or commission with jurisdiction over such matters, or any court of competent jurisdiction, rules or publishes a formal written opinion or decision that Louisiana law requires COACH to earn annual leave, and such rule or opinion is binding on LSU or LSU otherwise determines to comply with the opinion or ruling, then COACH's Base Salary shall be reduced by the dollar value of the

annual leave for which COACH is credited (using the dollar value of such annual leave as of the date on which the opinion or ruling is published). This reduction shall be retroactive to the date on which COACH's earning of annual leave is calculated to begin, and COACH shall repay to LSU the amount of the reduction. COACH shall pay LSU any amount owed as a result of this retroactive reduction in equal monthly installments for a period of 12 months (or such longer or shorter period as may be mutually agreed in writing by COACH and LSU) from the date on which the COACH is given notice that he will be credited with annual leave pursuant to this Section 14. In the alternative, if not prohibited by the ruling or otherwise disallowed by law, COACH may waive his right to annual leave (both retroactively and/or prospectively) in lieu of making the payments that would otherwise be required under this Section 14.

- B. COACH will accrue and use sick leave in accordance with LSU policy.
- C. COACH is required to receive authorization from Athletic Director (or the Athletic Director's designee) prior to being absent from COACH's usual duties and responsibilities which authorization shall not be unreasonably withheld.

15. **Non-Assignment.** Neither party may assign, transfer, alienate, or encumber any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the express written consent of the other party, except as otherwise specifically set forth in this Agreement.

16. **Entire Contract.** This Agreement constitutes and expresses the entire agreement and understanding of the parties concerning the employment of COACH by LSU and shall, upon the effective date hereof, supersede any other oral and written agreements between the parties. There are no oral or other agreements, understandings, promises, or

representations between the parties affecting this Agreement. Both parties have relied solely on their own respective judgments in entering into this agreement, with full opportunity to seek advice of competent counsel. It shall be construed, if necessary, without reference to the party that was the principal drafter of the agreement

17. **Amendments to Contract.** This Agreement may be amended only by a written instrument duly approved by LSU through its designated representatives and accepted by COACH, such approval and acceptance to be acknowledged in writing.
18. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed invalid or unenforceable, either in whole or in part, this Agreement shall be deemed amended to delete or modify, as necessary, the offending provision or to alter the bounds thereof in order to render it valid and enforceable.
19. **No Waiver of Default.** No waiver by the parties hereto of any default or breach of any covenant, term or condition of this Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver of any other default or breach of the same or any other covenant, term or condition contained herein.
20. **Sovereign Immunity Not Waived.** It is expressly agreed and understood between the parties that nothing contained herein shall be construed to constitute a waiver or relinquishment by LSU of any rights to claim such exemptions, privileges and immunities as may be provided by law.
21. **"Force Majeure" Clause.** Neither party shall be considered in default of performance of any obligations under this Agreement if such performance is prevented or delayed by Force Majeure. "Force Majeure" shall be understood to be any cause which is beyond the

reasonable control of the party affected and which is forthwith, by notice from the party affected, brought to the attention of the other party, including but not limited to war, hostilities, revolution, civil commotion, strike, lockout, epidemic, accident, fire, wind or flood or any requirements of law, or an act of God.

22. **Governing Law and Venue.** This Agreement shall be enforced and construed in accordance with the laws of Louisiana. Any civil action to enforce this Agreement shall be brought in a state or federal court having jurisdiction and domiciled in East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.

THE PARTIES hereto, acknowledging that this Agreement is subject to approval of the Board of Supervisors, have executed this Agreement on the day, month and year first above written.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOUISIANA
STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL
AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE

By:  9.11.17
F. King Alexander, President Date
Louisiana State University and
Agricultural and Mechanical College

 7-10-17
Christopher A. Brandi Date

RECOMMENDED:


Joseph Alleva, Vice Chancellor and Director of Athletics
Louisiana State University and
Agricultural and Mechanical College


Daniel T. Layzell, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration & CFO
Louisiana State University and
Agricultural and Mechanical College

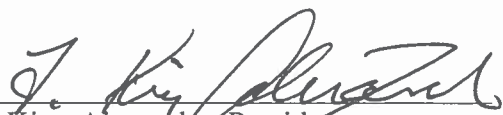
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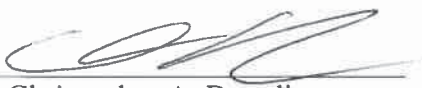
This Schedule A supplements and further defines the provisions of the Employment Agreement dated June 26, 2017, entered into between LSU and Christopher A. Brandi to which it is attached (the “Agreement”). In the event of a direct and clear conflict between the other provisions of the Agreement and this Schedule A, the provisions of this Schedule A shall control.

1. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in section 7.A of the Agreement, EMPLOYEE shall receive Post-Season Incentive Compensation in the amounts, based on attaining the goals, as outlined in the most recent Additional Compensation Policy for Post-Season Athletics approved by LSU at the time the additional compensation is attained.
2. Section 8 of the Agreement is supplemented to add the following subsections after the end of subsection F:
 - G. One-time reimbursement of household moving expenses in accordance with LSU policy and state law;
 - H. One-time payment of \$10,000 to be used for miscellaneous relocation expenses not reimbursed in accordance with the provisions of subsection D above; and
 - I. Temporary housing at a site chosen by the Athletic Director for a period not to exceed 90 days.

All other provisions of the Agreement remain unchanged by this Schedule A.

Approved:

By: 
F. King Alexander, President
Louisiana State University and
Agricultural and Mechanical College

By: 
Christopher A. Brandi