WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

This Employment Contract is made this day of January, 2014, between WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY ("UNIVERSITY") and JEFFREY S. BROHM, ("COACH").

ARTICLE I PURPOSE

The UNIVERSITY and the COACH have entered into this Employment Contract for the COACH to serve as the head coach of the UNIVERSITY's football program.

The UNIVERSITY and the COACH agree that head coaches of intercollegiate athletic teams at Western Kentucky University conduct their professional activities under circumstances unique in the family of UNIVERSITY employees, including evaluation and scrutiny of team performances by the public and the media and control by external rules and regulations. These circumstances justify job security and commitment to the COACH, but less than a continuous appointment. For these reasons, the UNIVERSITY has agreed to employ and the COACH has promised to be employed by the UNIVERSITY upon the following terms and conditions.

ARTICLE II POSITION

2.01 <u>DESCRIPTION OF COACH RESPONSIBILITIES</u>

A. RECOGNITION OF DUTIES

The COACH agrees to be a loyal employee of the UNIVERSITY, and to use his best efforts and good judgment not to bring disrepute or criticism upon the UNIVERSITY. The COACH agrees to devote his best efforts full time to the performance of his duties for the UNIVERSITY, to give proper time and attention to furthering his responsibilities to the UNIVERSITY and to comply with all rules, regulations, policies, and decisions established or issued by the UNIVERSITY. The COACH also agrees that, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4.04, during the term of this Employment Contract, he will not engage, Page 1 of 15

directly or indirectly, in any business or conduct which would detract from his ability to apply his best efforts to the performance of duties hereunder. **COACH** further acknowledges that the integrity and image of the **UNIVERSITY** are of paramount importance, and agrees that he shall act and speak positively about the **UNIVERSITY** and the **UNIVERSITY's** athletic program in private and public forums; and that he will support the **UNIVERSITY's** mission, policies, and decisions in all interactions with the public.

B. GENERAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COACH

During the period in which the UNIVERSITY employs the COACH as Head Football Coach, the COACH agrees to undertake and perform all duties and responsibilities attendant to the position of Head Football Coach as set forth in Section 2.01C. The COACH further agrees to abide by and comply with the constitution, bylaws, and interpretations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and Conference USA, or any other football conference the UNIVERSITY may choose to enter, as well as all UNIVERSITY rules and regulations relating to the conduct and administration of the football program. In the event that the COACH becomes aware, or has a reasonable cause to believe, that violations of such constitution, bylaws, interpretations, rules, or regulations may have taken place, he shall report the same promptly to the Athletics Director of the UNIVERSITY. All academic standards, requirements, and policies of the UNIVERSITY shall also be observed by the COACH and members of his staff at all times and shall not be compromised or violated at any time.

C. SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES WHILE EMPLOYED AS COACH

As of the beginning of this Employment Contract, the duties and responsibilities assigned to the COACH in connection with the position as Head Football Coach are as set forth below.

This list of specific duties and responsibilities supplement, and is not exclusive of, the other general duties and responsibilities provided for elsewhere in this Employment Contract.

- General Description: The position of Head Coach for the Football program is a
 specialized professional position. The COACH is responsible for evaluating,
 recruiting, training, and coaching student athletes to compete successfully against
 college competition and to successfully progress toward obtaining a college
 degree.
- 2. Responsibilities: In his position as Head Football Coach, the COACH shall be responsible for all aspects of the football program including budget, recruiting, training, supervision, evaluation, and performance of student athletes and coaching staff, subject to the terms of 2.03 below. The UNIVERSITY Athletics Director shall have sole responsibility and discretion for scheduling for the program, and will make reasonable efforts to consult with COACH regarding same.

2.02 COACH MAY BE DISCIPLINED FOR VIOLATIONS OF UNIVERSITY RULES, REGULATIONS, OR POLICIES; NCAA OR CONFERENCE RULES AND REGULATIONS

If the **COACH** is found to be in violation of a **UNIVERSITY** rule, regulation or policy, or an NCAA or Conference rule or regulation, the **COACH** shall be subject to disciplinary and/or corrective actions.

2.03 **REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS**

The parties (without delineating the particular terms and conditions) acknowledge that each party will use its best efforts and will cooperate with the other to provide the following support for the UNIVERSITY's football program.

- A. The COACH's immediate supervisor for purposes of implementing the Contract shall be the Athletics Director of the UNIVERSITY; notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, all matters pertaining to the operation of the UNIVERSITY's football program shall be subject to the direction and control of the Athletics Director.
- B. The overall policy of the entire athletics program, including the football program, shall remain the exclusive prerogative of the UNIVERSITY. The Head COACH shall administer the daily routine and organization of the program as he deems necessary to effectuate its success, provided such administration shall be in accordance with the policies established by and under the direction of the Athletics Director.
- C. The UNIVERSITY, through the Athletics Director, shall permit the COACH to participate in decisions relating to choice and scheduling of football opponents, means of travel to be employed, hotel, food accommodations, size and content of the travel squad and party, and all other matters pertaining to the operation of similar phases of the football program, but final decisions in such matters shall be with the Athletics Director. It is specifically agreed and understood that travel arrangements shall be made in conformance with any contractual agreements between the UNIVERSITY and any travel agency.
- D. The COACH shall have the right to release, hire, and retain assistant football coaches subject to the UNIVERSITY's recruitment and hiring procedures and policies, and subject to the approval of the Athletics Director, and Kentucky law. In accordance with Kentucky law, the UNIVERSITY's Board of Regents must approve any recommended hire or appointment.

ARTICLE III TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

The term of this Employment Contract shall begin on the day of January, 2014, and shall continue for a term of four (4) years through December 31, 2017. The parties agree that if circumstances do not exist that would justify dismissal for cause as defined in 5.01 herein, the term of this Contract shall Page 4 of 15

be extended by one additional year on December 31, 2014, 2015, and 2016 (i.e. to provide for a continuing four-year term, through December 31, 2019.) Provided, however, that this extension provision shall not be construed to create an employment term that exceeds four (4) years at any given time, in accordance with the provisions of KRS 164.360(2).

ARTICLE IV COMPENSATION

In consideration for the promises he has made in entering into this Employment Contract, the **COACH** shall be entitled to the following forms of compensation: base salary payments, season tickets, and outside income.

4.01 BASE SALARY

The COACH shall be eligible to participate in a group insurance, retirement, and voluntary payroll deduction program on the same basis and with the same UNIVERSITY contributions that apply to the UNIVERSITY's non-academic administrative staff.

The COACH will be reviewed for his performance on an annual basis. The parties agree that the COACH's base salary shall be adjusted in accordance with the UNIVERSITY performance evaluation policies and salary adjustment pools in effect at the time.

4.02 **SEASON TICKETS**

The UNIVERSITY will provide the COACH without charge ten (10) chair-seat football tickets and four (4) chair-seat reserved men's and women's basketball tickets. The COACH shall have the option to buy twelve (12) additional football tickets if available. The COACH shall be provided ten (10) football tickets for bowl/playoff games. It is agreed and understood that all tickets are provided to aid the Page 5 of 15

COACH in the performance of his job (recruiting, etc.). It is intended that the value of the tickets be excluded from compensation under the Internal Revenue Code Section 132(a)(3) as a working fringe benefit.

4.03 COACH'S BONUS / VEHICLE

A. Beginning with the 2014 football season and continuing thereafter for the term of the Contract, the COACH shall be entitled to the following bonuses:

1.	A BCS Bowl Appearance	\$100,000
2.	Winning percentage greater than .500	\$50,000
3.	Victory in Bowl Game	\$50,000
4.	Conference USA Championship	\$50,000
5.	Academic Progress Rate of 950	\$50,000
6.	Academic Progress Rate of 970	\$50,000
7.	Public season ticket sales in excess of 12,000 per year	\$25,000
8.	CUSA Coach of the year	\$25,000

All payments referenced above, including any payments to assistant coaches and/or staff, shall be paid in the form of salary and in accordance with the **UNIVERSITY's** payroll procedures.

B. The UNIVERSITY shall furnish to the COACH, for his use on a loan basis during the term of his Employment contract, one (1) automobile and shall pay for automobile liability and comprehensive insurance and taxes, if applicable, upon the vehicle. COACH shall be solely responsible for all upkeep, maintenance, and/or repair of vehicle. If possible, the UNIVERSITY shall provide COACH a second vehicle, under the same terms and conditions.

4.04 OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN OUTSIDE INCOME

While the **COACH** is representing the **UNIVERSITY** as Head Football Coach, he shall have the opportunity to earn outside income as a result thereof, but only upon the following terms and conditions:

General provisions concerning outside income. The following general terms and conditions shall apply to each case in which the **COACH** seeks to or makes arrangements to earn outside income as a result of his being Head Football Coach:

- A. UNIVERSITY OBLIGATIONS ARE PRIMARY. Such outside activities shall not interfere with the full and complete performance by the COACH of his duties and obligations as the UNIVERSITY COACH, recognizing always that the COACH's primary obligations lie with the UNIVERSITY and its students;
- B. NCAA RULES CONTROL. In no event shall the COACH accept or receive directly or indirectly any monies, benefit, or any other gratuity whatsoever from any person, group, corporation, Hilltopper Athletic Foundation, or Alumni Association if such action would violate NCAA legislation. The constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations, or interpretations thereof shall automatically apply to the contract;
- C. UNIVERSITY APPROVAL IS REQUIRED. The COACH shall obtain the advance written approval from the President and Athletics Director of the UNIVERSITY before entering into such agreements. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld;
- D. UNIVERSITY IS NOT LIABLE. Such activities are independent of the COACH'S UNIVERSITY employment and the UNIVERSITY shall have no responsibility nor bear any liability for any claims arising therefrom;
- E. COACH RETAINS ALL REVENUES. Except for the limitations on such outside compensation as established by or set forth in this contract and in the constitution, bylaws, rules and regulations, and interpretations thereof of the UNIVERSITY; Conference USA, or

- any other conference the **UNIVERSITY** may choose to enter; and the NCAA, the **COACH** shall be entitled to retain all revenues generated by such outside activities (i.e., shoe contracts, speaking engagements, outside camps, etc.).
- F. SUMMER CAMPS. COACH shall be entitled to at least three (3) weeks of football camps using UNIVERSITY's athletic facilities and equipment. COACH shall have priority to conduct at least two weeks of camp (i.e., fourteen days) in the month of June after the regular term of public school in Kentucky has concluded. The operation of camp(s) will be conducted under the auspices of UNIVERSITY Athletic Department and shall be conducted in accordance with general policies of the UNIVERSITY. COACH will be obligated to pay the UNIVERSITY the sum of one dollar (\$1) for the use of its intercollegiate athletic facilities and equipment for each of the football camps, and said equipment and facilities shall be available for use for a minimum of three (3) weeks per year. A separate rate will be determined for the use of the Raymond B. Preston Health and Activities Center, which rate will not be unreasonable and which shall be determined by September 30 of the preceding year. Rates for room and meals to be charged by UNIVERSITY for such student camps shall be the lowest rate charged for student camps generally by the UNIVERSITY, which may vary from year to year. COACH agrees and understands that the UNIVERSITY will place a surcharge on each camper enrolled in the camps, and UNIVERSITY agrees to give **COACH** notice of the amount of the surcharge on or before September 30 of the preceding year. Such surcharge commence at \$3 per camper, effective with the summer of 2014. Should there be a conflict between UNIVERSITY's men's football program and any other UNIVERSITY athletic team or UNIVERSITY sponsored or affiliated program or organization concerning the use of the above facilities and equipment, this conflict shall be resolved by and in the sole discretion of the Athletics Director, who shall have the final

- determination on all matters. The **UNIVERSITY** agrees that it will cap the per camper fee at \$5 per camper throughout the term of this contract.
- G. RADIO AND TELEVISION. The UNIVERSITY will use its best efforts to secure a COACH's radio and/or television program to air weekly for thirty (30) minutes during the football season. The compensation payable to the COACH will be negotiated at such time as the plan(s) for the radio and/or television program are finalized, which compensation shall be paid solely to the COACH.

ARTICLE V NON-COMPETE / TERMINATION

5.01 NON-COMPETE

- A. In the event that **COACH** terminates without cause, or resigns/retires, **COACH** agrees that for a period of two (2) years following said termination, he will not accept employment or render any services to the intercollegiate football program of any other college or university in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- B. COACH agrees that the restrictions set forth herein are reasonable both in scope and duration and are necessary to protect UNIVERSITY's interests and its intercollegiate athletics program. COACH agrees and acknowledges that should he breach or threaten to breach the provisions set forth herein, UNIVERSITY will be irreparably harmed, and cannot be made whole by monetary damages. COACH therefore consents to having these provisions enforced by means of a temporary or permanent injunction and any other appropriate relief that a court of competent jurisdiction may be empowered to grant, in addition to any other remedies UNIVERSITY may have under this contract or otherwise, upon his breach or threatened breach of this contract.

C. COACH's covenants set forth herein are a material inducement to UNIVERSITY's decision to enter into this contract and supported by consideration provided to COACH under this contract.

5.02 TERMINATION BY UNIVERSITY FOR JUST CAUSE

The UNIVERSITY shall have the right to terminate this Employment Contract for just cause prior to its normal expiration on December 31, 2017 (or December 31, 2018, or December 31, 2019, in the event of extension). The term "just cause" shall include, in addition to normally understood meaning in Employment Contracts, any of the following:

- A. Conviction of a felony or declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be guilty of a crime involving moral turpitude;
- B. Serious violation of any law, rule, regulation, constitutional provision, bylaw, or interpretation of the UNIVERSITY; Conference USA, or any other football conference the UNIVERSITY may choose to enter, or the NCAA;
- C. Serious violation of any law, rule, regulation, constitutional provision, bylaw or interpretation of the UNIVERSITY, Conference USA or the NCAA by a member of the football coaching staff, student athletes in the football program, or any other person under the COACH's supervision and direction, but only if such violation was made with the knowledge or consent of the COACH that such conduct constituted a serious violation of any rule, regulation, constitutional provision, bylaw, or interpretation as noted herein;
- D. Prolonged absence from duty not in accordance with **UNIVERSITY** policy, state or federal law, or without the consent of the Athletic Director or his designee; or,
- E. Engaging in conduct, as determined reasonably and in good faith by the UNIVERSITY, which is clearly contrary to the character and responsibilities of a person occupying the position of Head Football Coach or which negatively or adversely affects the reputation of

the UNIVERSITY's Athletics Program in any way, as determined reasonably and in good faith by the UNIVERSITY.

5.03 <u>UNIVERSITY'S OBLIGATIONS UPON TERMINATION FOR CAUSE</u>

In the event this Employment Contract is terminated for cause in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.02 hereof, and at the time of such termination if there is more than one (1) month of unexpired term of this Contract, the "severance fee" shall be computed and paid as if the unexpired term of this Contract was only one (1) month. The "severance fee" will be calculated solely on the base salary shown in Section 4.01. The COACH shall not be required or obligated to perform any further service or duties for the UNIVERSITY to be entitled to the "severance fee." In any meeting between UNIVERSITY official(s) and COACH, relating to termination for cause, both the UNIVERSITY and COACH have the right to have representation by legal counsel present.

5.04 TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE BY UNIVERSITY OR COACH

A. The UNIVERSITY and COACH shall have the right to terminate this Employment Contract prior to its normal expiration on the December 31, 2017, (or December 31, 2018, or December 31, 2019, in the event of extension), without cause. Termination "without cause" shall mean termination of this Contract on any basis other than those set forth in Section 5.02. Termination by either party without cause shall be effectuated by delivering to the other party written notice of the terminating party's intent to terminate this Contract without cause.

5.05 <u>LIQUIDATED DAMAGES UPON TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE</u>

- A. If **COACH** terminates the contract without cause and accepts employment as head football coach at any college or university competing in NCAA Division I A he will pay the **UNIVERSITY**, in equal payments over a six (6) month period, according to the following schedule:
 - 1. Termination before March 1, 2015 \$1.5 million

- Termination anytime from March 1, 2015 through the last day of February, 2016
 \$1.2 million
- Termination anytime from March 1, 2016 through the last day of February, 2017
 \$900,000
- 4. Termination on or after March 1, 2017 \$600,000
- B. If UNIVERSITY terminates this contract without cause at any time, it will pay COACH the remaining balance of his monthly salary in which the termination occurs. In addition, it will pay COACH an amount equal to eighteen (18) months of his base salary as of the date of termination, payable monthly over eighteen (18) months, starting the following month after the termination occurred.
- C. Failure to timely pay such liquidated damages shall constitute a breach of this Contract and such sum shall be recoverable together with reasonable attorney fees.
- D. In no case shall the UNIVERSITY be liable for the loss of any collateral business opportunities or any other benefits, perquisites, or income resulting from activities such as, but not limited to, camps, clinics, media appearance, apparel or shoe contracts, consulting relationships, or from any other sources that may ensue as a result of the UNIVERSITY's termination of this Contract without cause.

5.06 <u>ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION UPON TERMINATION BY COACH WITHOUT CAUSE</u>

In addition to the provisions of paragraph 5.04, if COACH terminates this Contract without cause prior to its expiration date and within one (1) year of his termination accepts employment as Head Coach of the football program with any other college/university with a Division I-A (FBS) football program,

COACH agrees to schedule a (2) two-year home/home game series (i.e., one game to take place at

Western Kentucky University, and one game to occur at hiring college/university) between the football team of the college/university which employs him and the UNIVERSITY's football team, with no Page 12 of 15

requirement for financial remuneration on the part of that college/university or the UNIVERSITY. Said series will be scheduled within 12 months of termination of COACH's employment with UNIVERSITY, and said game series will in no event begin later than eight (8) years following the date of termination of COACH's employment with UNIVERSITY. If the Coach and / or hiring university fails to schedule the game series within 12 months of termination of COACH's employment with UNIVERSITY, then COACH shall pay the UNIVERSITY the sum of \$350,000.

5.07 TERMINATION BY DISABILITY OR DEATH

It is expressly understood and agreed that this Contract constitutes a personal service agreement between the UNIVERSITY and COACH. In the event a disability prevents COACH from performing the duties and responsibilities specified in this Contract, as certified by two (2) physicians selected or approved by the UNIVERSITY, or in the event of COACH's untimely demise, this Employment Contract shall terminate and neither party, including COACH's estate, shall have any further rights or obligations hereunder, the same as though termination were by the COACH were a resignation or retirement from collegiate men's football; provided, however, that in the event of a disability as set forth herein, COACH shall be entitled to apply for and, if eligible, participate in the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System disability retirement program and the UNIVERSITY's Long Term Disability Insurance Program.

5.08 <u>UNIVERSITY APPROVAL REQUIRED PRIOR TO NEGOTIATION WITH OTHER SCHOOLS OR EMPLOYERS</u>

The parties agree that should another coaching or sports related employment opportunity be presented to COACH or should COACH be interested in another coaching position during the term of his Employment contract, COACH must notify the UNIVERSITY's Athletics Director of such opportunity or interest, and obtain permission from the Athletics Director before any discussions can be held by COACH with anticipated coaching position principals, which permission shall not be unreasonably withheld. In addition, COACH shall provide representatives for any such anticipated Page 13 of 15

coaching position principals with a copy of this contract and any amendments or addendums that may hereafter be executed, and the principals, agents and or officials offering the employment opportunity shall agree, in writing, to abide by the terms and provisions of the contract, including section 5.05.

5.09 <u>JURISDICTION / WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL AND RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES</u>

COACH agrees and consents to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of any court of competent jurisdiction in Warren County, Kentucky, for any action arising out of or related to any dispute or controversy under this contract or injunctive relief related hereto. Parties to this contract agree to waive trial by jury for any claim arising out of or relating in any way to this contract or breach of this contract.

ARTICLE VI MISCELLANEOUS

6.01 **AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACT**

This contract and the exhibits attached hereto contain the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter of this contract, and supersede all prior negotiations, agreements and understandings with respect thereto. This contract can only be altered or amended by written agreement between the **COACH** and the **UNIVERSITY's** designated representative.

6.02 <u>UNIVERSITY RETAINS ALL MATERIALS AND RECORDS</u>

All materials or articles of information, including, without limitations, personnel records, team information, films, tapes, statistics, or any other material or data furnished to the COACH by the UNIVERSITY or developed by the COACH on behalf of the UNIVERSITY or at the UNIVERSITY's direction of the UNIVERSITY's use or otherwise in connection with the COACH's employment hereunder are and shall remain the sole and confidential property of the UNIVERSITY. Within thirty (30) days of the expiration of the term of this Contract or its earlier termination as provided herein, the COACH shall immediately cause any such materials in his possession or control to be delivered to the UNIVERSITY.

6.03 TAX LIABILITIES

The **COACH** shall be responsible for any and all income tax liabilities, interest, and/or penalties related to any benefits received pursuant to this contract.

6.04 LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

This Contract shall be interpreted under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and if any provision of the Contract may be prohibited, this shall not invalidate the remaining provisions of the Contract.

6.05 ACKNOWLEDGMENT

COACH acknowledges that he has read and understands the foregoing provisions of this Contract, that he has had the opportunity to consult with legal counsel, and that such provisions are reasonable and enforceable, and he agrees to abide by this Contract and the terms and conditions set forth herein.

6.06 **BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVAL**

The parties agree and understand that the terms of this contract are subject to and contingent upon approval of the University's governing Board at its next regular meeting following the date the contract is executed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto set forth their respective signatures on this Contract as of the date set forth below.

BY: TODD STEWART Date
ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

BY: DATE: DATE: DATE: ______

ADDENDUM

TO

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

This Addendum to the Employment Contract between **WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY** (the "University") and **JEFF BROHM** ("Coach") is entered into for the following purposes:

Revisions to existing contract:

- Effective April 1, 2016, Coach's annual base salary will be increased to \$800,000.
- The clauses outlined in Article V, Section 5.01 (Non-Compete) and Article V, Section 5.06 (Additional Consideration for Termination by Coach Without Cause) are removed.
- The clauses outlined in Article V, Section 5.04 and 5.05 are amended in the following manner:

5.04 TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE BY UNIVERSITY OR COACH

The UNIVERSITY and COACH shall have the right to terminate this Employment Contract prior to its normal expiration on December 31, 2019 (or December 31, 2020, or December 31, 2021, or December 31, 2022 in the event of extension), without cause. Termination "without cause" shall mean termination of this Contract on any basis other than those set forth in Section 5.02. Termination by either party without cause shall be effectuated by delivering to the other party written notice of the terminating party's intent to terminate this Contract without cause.

5.05 <u>LIQUIDATED DAMAGES UPON TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE</u>

If **COACH** terminates the contract without cause and accepts employment as head football coach at any college or university competing in NCAA Division I – A or as a Head Coach in the National Football League he will pay the **UNIVERSITY**, in equal payments over a six (6) month period, according to the following schedule:

Termination before March 1, 2017 - \$900,000

Termination anytime from March 1, 2017 through the last day of February, 2018 - \$750,000

Termination anytime from March 1, 2018 through the last day of February, 2019 - \$600,000

Termination anytime from March 1, 2019 through the last day of February, 2020 - \$450,000

Termination on or after March 1, 2020 - \$300,000

If **UNIVERSITY** terminates the contract without cause at any time, it will pay **COACH** an amount equal to his base salary at the date of termination for the remainder of the year in which he was terminated plus an additional thirty six (36) months.

This Addendum entered into this 2 ad day of re bru ary ,20

Todd Stewart

Director of Athletics

Western Kentucky University

Jeff Brohm

Head Coach

Western Kentucky University