# UNITED STATES

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K /A

Amendment No. 1

## **CURRENT REPORT**

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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 13, 2012

# ASPENGROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 333-165685 27-1933597
(State or O ther Jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

720 South Colorado Boulevard, Suite 1150N, Denver, CO 80246 (Address of Principal Executive Office) (Zip Code)

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#### ITEM 2.01 COMPLETION OF A COUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF A SSETS.

On March 13, 2012, A spen Group, Inc. f/k/a Elite Nutritional Brands, Inc., a Delaware Corporation (the "Public Company") entered into an A greement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization (the "Merger A greement") by and among the Public Company, A spen University Inc., a privately-held Delaware corporation ("A spen"), and A spen A equisition Sub., Inc. ("A equisitionCo"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Public Company. The merger transaction contemplated under the Merger A greement (the "Reverse Merger") closed on March 13, 2012, at which time A equisitionCo was merged with and into A spen, and A spen, as the surviving corporation, became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Public Company.

The Public Company's sole director approved the Merger A greement, the Reverse Merger and the other transactions contemplated under the Merger A greement on behalf of the Public Company as the sole shareholder of A cquisitionCo. All of the directors and a majority of the outstanding voting power of A spen approved the Merger A greement, the Reverse Merger and the other transactions contemplated thereunder. Immediately following the closing of the Reverse Merger, the Public Company changed its business plan and operations to that of A spen.

As of the closing of the Reverse Merger, the Public Company had 9,760,000 shares of common stock outstanding and \$20,000 of convertible notes convertible into 20,000 shares of common stock. The Public Company issued A spen shareholders 25,515,204 shares of common stock. The Public Company also agreed to assume \$500,000 of A spen convertible notes, convertible at \$1.00 per share and 456,000 warrants exercisable at \$1.00 per share upon cancellation of the A spen notes and warrants.

The Public Company was a "shell company" (as such term is defined in Rule 12b-2 under the Securities Exchange A ct of 1934 (the "Exchange A ct")) immediately before the completion of the Reverse Merger. A ccordingly, pursuant to the requirements of I tem 2.01 of Form 8-K, set forth below is the information that would be required if the Public Company were filing a general form for registration of a class of securities on Form 10 under the Exchange RN form Ediatelyred any da a a aa a aa a a aa a geunigedia ag d

Changes to the Business. The Public Company intends to carry on the business of A spen as its sole line of business. U pon closing of the Reverse Merger, we relocated our offices to the offices of A spen.
Changes to the Board of Directors and Executive Officers. Upon the closing of the Reverse Merger, the sole director of the Public Company resigned and the directors of A spen were appointed as directors of the Public Company together with one additional director designee. In addition, upon the closing of the Reverse Merger, the sole officer of the Public Company resigned and the officers of A spen were appointed as the officers

#### Description of Business

As used in this Form 8-K, all references to "we," "our" and "us" for periods prior to the closing of the Reverse Merger refer to Aspen, as a privately owned company, and for periods subsequent to the closing of the Reverse Merger refer to the Public Company and its subsidiaries (including Aspen), unless the context otherwise indicates. In referring to academic matters, these words refer solely to Aspen University Inc.

Founded in 1987, A spen's mission is to become an institution of choice for adult learners by offering cost-effective, comprehensive, and relevant online education. We are dedicated to helping our students exceed their personal and professional objectives in a socially conscious and economically sensible way. A spen's mission in fact is to help students achieve their long-term goals of upward mobility and long-term economic success through providing superior education, exerting financial prudence, and supporting our students' career advancement goals. A spen is dedicated to providing the highest quality education experiences taught by top-tier professors - 67% of our adjunct professors hold doctorate degrees.

Because we believe higher education should be a catalyst to our students' long-term economic success, we exert financial prudence by offering affordable tuition that is one of the greatest values in online education. We have expanded our degree offerings broadly but the vision remains the same: to provide students with the best value in high quality education and to help them achieve their academic and career goals.

One of the key differences between A spen and other publicly-traded, exclusively online, for-profit universities is that 88% of our full-time degree-seeking students as of March 31, 2012 were enrolled in a graduate degree program (master or doctorate degree program). As of March 31, 2012, 1,488 students were enrolled full-time at A spen, with 1,313 students, or 88%, of A spen's full-time, degree-seeking student body enrolled in master or doctoral degree programs. As of March 31, 2012, A spen currently has 633 students enrolled in a part-time program. A spen is committed to maintaining its focus on being a predominantly graduate school for the foreseeable future.

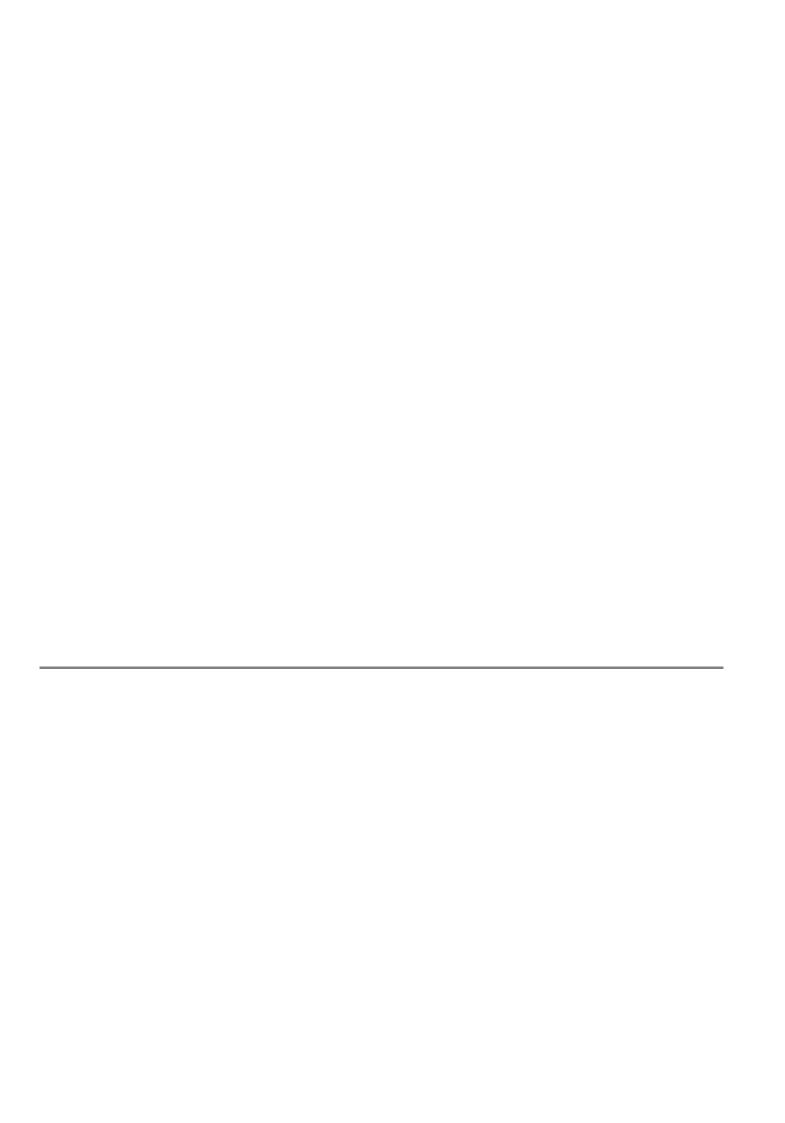
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We are accredited by the Distance Education and Training Council ("DETC"), a "national accrediting agency" recognized by the U.S. Department of Education ("DOE"). A spen first received DETC accreditation in 1993 and most recently received re-accreditation in January 2009. In February 2012, DETC informed Aspen that it had approved the change of ownership application related to the Reverse Merger, subject to customary conditions. Additionally, Aspen is authorized by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, a departmental division of the Colorado Department of Higher Education ("CDHE"), to operate in Colorado as a private university under the Degree Authorization Act. In January 2012, the CDHE informed A spen that it would remain in good standing with CDHE after the Reverse Merger, provided A spen retained its accreditation after the acquisition. In February 2012, A spen informed CDHE regarding DETC's approval of the change in ownership and control related to the Reverse Merger. In February 2009, the DOE provisionally certified Aspen to participate in the federal student financial aid programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act ("Title IV"). Under such certification, Aspen is restricted to a limit of 500 student recipients for Title IV funding for the duration of this provisional certification. As of December 31, 2011, Aspen had 171 students that were participating in the Title IV programs. During the duration of A spen's provisional certification, a total of 243 A spen students have received Title IV aid. We applied timely for re-certification in June 2011, but the application remained pending at the time of the Reverse Merger. A spen submitted a voluntary pre-acquisition review application to the DOE in connection with the Reverse Merger, but the DOE had not acted on that application at the time of the Reverse Merger. Consistent with the Higher Education Act. A spen's certification to participate in Title IV programs terminated after closing of the Reverse Merger, and Aspen must apply to DOE to reestablish its eligibility and certification to participate in the Title IV programs. However, in order to avoid significant disruption in disbursements of Title IV funds, the DOE may temporarily and provisionally certify an institution that is seeking approval of a change in ownership, like A spen, under certain circumstances while the DOE reviews the institution's application. On March 15, 2012 the DOE asked A spen to notify it in writing whether A spen would be able to provide to the DOE by March 28, 2012 a letter of credit in the amount of \$105,865, which is 10% of A spen's Title IV receipts in 2011. A spen provided the DOE the requested letter of credit by March 28, 2012.

Furthermore, DOE may impose additional or different terms and conditions in any final provisional program participation agreement that it may issue after it reviews A spen's application for approval of the change in ownership and control, including growth restrictions or limitation on the number of students who may receive Title IV aid.

In 2008, A spen received accreditation of its Master of Science in Nursing Program with the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (the "Nursing Commission"). Officially recognized by the DOE, the Nursing Commission is a nongovernmental accrediting agency, which ensures the quality and integrity of education programs in preparing effective nurses. A spen's Master of Science in Nursing program most recently underwent accreditation review by the Nursing Commission in March 2011. A tithat time, the program's accreditation was reaffirmed, with the accreditation term to expire December 30, 2021. The program is next scheduled for on-site evaluation by the Nursing Commission in Spring 2012. We currently offer a variety of nursing degrees including: RN-to-MSN Bridge Program (seven course program), Masters of Science in Nursing Education, and Masters of Science in Nursing Administration and Management. Students may apply to the RN-to MSN bridge program if they hold an associate nursing degree. Students that complete our RN-to-MSN Bridge program matriculate into our Master of Nursing program, allowing them to bypass the Bachelor of Nursing program offered at other universities.

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#### Industry Overview

The U.S. market for postsecondary education is a large, growing market A coording to a 2011 publication by the National Center for Education Statistics ("NCES"), the number of postsecondary learners enrolled as of Fall 2009 in U.S. institutions that participate in Title IV programs was approximately 20 million (including both undergraduate and graduate students), up from 18.2 million in the Fall of 2007. We believe the growth in postsecondary enrollment is a result of a number of factors, including the significant and measurable personal income premium that is attributable to postsecondary education, and an increase in demand by employers for professional and skilled workers, partially offset in the near term by current economic conditions. A coording to the NCES, in 2009, the median earnings of young adults with a bachelor's degree was \$51,000 for men and \$40,100 for women compared to \$40,000 for men and \$35,000 for women with an associate's degree and \$32,900 for men and \$25,000 for women with a high school diploma.

Eduventures, Inc. an education consulting and research firm, estimates that 20% of all postsecondary students will be in fully-online programs by 2000 with programs and research firm, estimates that 20% of all postsecondary students will be in fully-online programs by 2000 with programs that polynomen programs that polynomen by 2010. We believe that the higher growth in demand for fully-online education is largely attributable to the flexibility and convenience of this instructional format, as well as the growing recognition of its educational efficacy.

## Competition

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We also compete with public and private degree-granting regionally and nationally accredited universities. An increasing number of universities enroll working students in addition to the traditional 18 to 24 year-old students, and we expect that these universities will continue to modify their existing programs to serve working learners more effectively, including by offering more distance learning programs. We believe that the primary factors on which we compete are the following:

- active and relevant curriculum development that considers the needs of employers;
- the ability to provide flexible and convenient access to programs and classes;
- high-quality courses and services;
- comprehensive student support services; •
- breadth of programs offered;
- the time necessary to earn a degree;
- qualified and experienced faculty;
- reputation of the institution and its programs;
- the variety of geographic locations of campuses;
- regulatory approvals;
- cost of the program;
- name recognition; and
- convenience.

#### Curricula

#### Certificates

Certificate in Information Technology with specializations in

- Information Systems Management
- Java Development
- Object Oriented Application Development
- Smart Home Integration
- Web Development

Certificate in Project Management

## A ssociates Degrees

A ssociate of General Studies

A ssociate of Applied Science Early Childhood Education

#### Bachelors Degrees

Bachelor of General Studies

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Counseling

Bachelor of Science in A Iternative Energy

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, (Completion Program)

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, (Completion Program)

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with specializations in

- • Criminal Justice A dministration
- • Major Crime Investigation Procedure
- •• Major Crime Investigation Procedure, (Completion Program)

Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education

Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education, (Completion Program)

Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education with a specialization in

- •• Infants and Toddlers
- •• Infants and Toddlers, (Completion Program)
- Preschool
- Preschool, (Completion Program)

Bachelor of Science in Foodservice Operations and Restaurant Management

Bachelor of Science in Medical Managements

Masters

Master of Arts Psychology and Addiction Counseling

Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Master of Science in Criminal Justice with a specialization in

- Forensic Sciences
- • Law Enforcement Management
- •• Terrorism and Homeland Security

Master of Science in Information Management with a specialization in

- • Management
- Project Management
- • Technologies

Master of Science in Information Systems with a specialization in

- • Enterpresel A National Dechlophogent
- •• Web Development

Master of Science in Information Technology

Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization in

- • Ardmittistation and Management
- •• A dministration and Management, (RN to MSN Bridge Program)
- •• Nursing Education
- Nursing Education, (RN to MSN Bridge Program)

Master of Science in Physical Education and Sports Management

Master of Science in Technology and Innovation with a specialization in

- Business Intelligence and Data Management
- •• Electronic Security
- Project Management
- • Systems Design
- Technical Languages
- •• V&n(dor and Change Control erol MasttSeeus c

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Doctorates

Doctorate of Science in Computer Science

Doctorate in Education Leadership and Learning

Doctorate in Education Leadership and Learning with specializations

- •• Education A dministration
- •• Faculty Leadership
- •• Instructional Design
- Leadership and Learning

Independent online classes start on the 1st and the 16th of every month and students may enroll in up to a maximum of three courses at a time. Online interactive courses are offered five times a year.

#### Sales and Marketing

Prior to the EGC Merger, A spen had conducted minimal efforts and spent immaterial sums on sales and marketing. During the second half of 2011, Mr. Michael Mathews and his team made significant changes to our sales and marketing program and spent a significant amount of time, money and resources on our marketing program. Following the EGC Merger, A spen spent approximately \$1,000,000 on marketing from July through D ecember 31, 2011.

What is unique about A spen's marketing program is that we have no plans in the near future to utilize third-party online lead generation companies to attract prospective students. To our knowledge, most if not all for-profit online universities utilize multiple third-party online lead generation companies to obtain a meaningful percentage of their prospective student leads. A spen's executive officers have many years of expertise in the online lead generation and Internet advertising industry, which for the foreseeable future will allow A spen to cost-effectively drive all prospective student leads internally. This is a competitive advantage for A spen because third-party leads are typically non-exclusive (lead generation firms typically sell prospective student leads to multiple universities), therefore the conversion rate for those leads tends to be appreciably lower than internally generated, proprietary leads.

In May 2011, A spen expanded on its current search engine marketing initiatives related to G oogle. A spen expanded the use of A spen keyword search terms and keywords related to its MBA program and nursing program. A spen also refined its testing of keywords, marketing messages and the establishment of program specific informational pages that have been matched to those keywords. Landing pages and keywords have been further optimized in order to facilitate streamlined communication of A spen's programs, degrees and courses offered in order to ensure that prospective students are provided with information necessary to make an informed decision regarding A spen and to begin a dialogue with an A spen advisor. The search engine marketing program was expanded in July 2011, to include the Microsoft and Y ahoo search engines for general university terms, MBA and nursing programs, utilizing the same paradigm of directing prospective students to an informational page about their desired interest within those programs.

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We are subject to extensive regulations by the states in which we become authorized or licensed to operate. State laws typically establish standards for instruction, qualifications of faculty, administrative procedures, marketing, recruiting, financial operations and other operation matters. State laws and regulations AonAopnd re	sh al

The federal government provides a substantial part of its support for postsecondary education through the Title IV programs, in the form of grants and loans to students. Students can use those funds at any institution that has been certified by the DOE to participate in the Title IV programs. A id under Title IV programs is primarily awarded on the basis of financial need, generally defined as the difference between the cost of attending the institution and the amount a student can reasonably contribute to that cost A II recipients of Title IV program funds must maintain satisfactory academic progress and must progress in a timely manner toward completion of their program of study. In addition, each school must ensure that Title IV program funds are properly accounted for and disbursed in the correct amounts to eligible students.

Our students receive loans and grants to fund their education under the following Title IV programs: (1) the Federal Direct Loan program ("Direct Loan") and (2) the Federal Pell Grant ("Pell") program.

Currently, the majority of A spen students self-finance all or a portion of their education. A dditionally, students may receive fullo

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Title IV Return of Funds. Under the DOE's return of funds regulations, when a student withdraws, an institution must return unearned funds to the DOE in a timely manner. An institution must first determine the amount of Title IV program funds that a student "earned." If the student withdraws during the first 60% of any period of enrollment or payment period, the amount of Title IV program funds that the student earned is equal to a pro rata portion of the funds for which the student would otherwise be eligible. If the student withdraws after the 60% threshold, then the student has earned 100% of the Title IV program funds. The institution must return to the appropriate Title IV programs, in a specified order, the lesser of (i) the unearned Title IV program funds and (ii) the institutional charges incurred by the student for the period multiplied by the percentage of unearned Title IV program funds. An institution must return the funds no later than 45 days after the date of the institution's determination that a student withdrew. If such payments are not timely made, an institution may be subject to adverse action, including being required to submit a letter of credit equal to 25% of the refunds the institution should have made in its most recently completed year. Under DOE regulations, late returns of Title IV program funds for 5% or more of students sampled in the institution's annual compliance audit constitutes material non-compliance. A spen's academic calendar structure is a non-standard term with rolling start dates with defined length of term (16 week term).

The "90/10 Rule." A requirement of the Higher Education Act commonly referred to as the "90/10 Rule," applies only to "proprietary institutions of higher education," which includes A spen. An institution is subject to loss of eligibility to participate in the Title IV programs if it derives more than 90% of its revenues (calculated on a cash basis and in accordance with a DOE formula) from Title IV programs for two consecutive fiscal years. An institution whose rate exceeds 90% for any single fiscal year will be placed on provisional certification for at least two fiscal years and may be subject to other conditions specified by the Secretary of the DOE. For the year ended December 31, 2011, we derived approximately 7% of our revenues (calculated on a cash basis and in accordance with a DOE formula) from Title IV program funds.

Student Loan Defaults. Under the Higher Education A ct, an education institution may lose its eligibility to participate in some or all of the Title IV programs if defaults on the repayment of Direct Loan Program loans by its students exceed certain levels. (For each federal fiscal year, a rate of student defaults (known as a "cohort default rate") is calculated for each institution with 30 or more borrowers entering repayment in a given federal fiscal year by determining the rate at which borrowers who become subject to their repayment obligation in that federal fiscal year default by the end of the following federal fiscal year. For such institutions, the DOE calculates a single cohort default rate for each federal fiscal year that includes in the cohort all current or former student borrowers at the institution who entered repayment on any Direct Loan Program loans during that year.

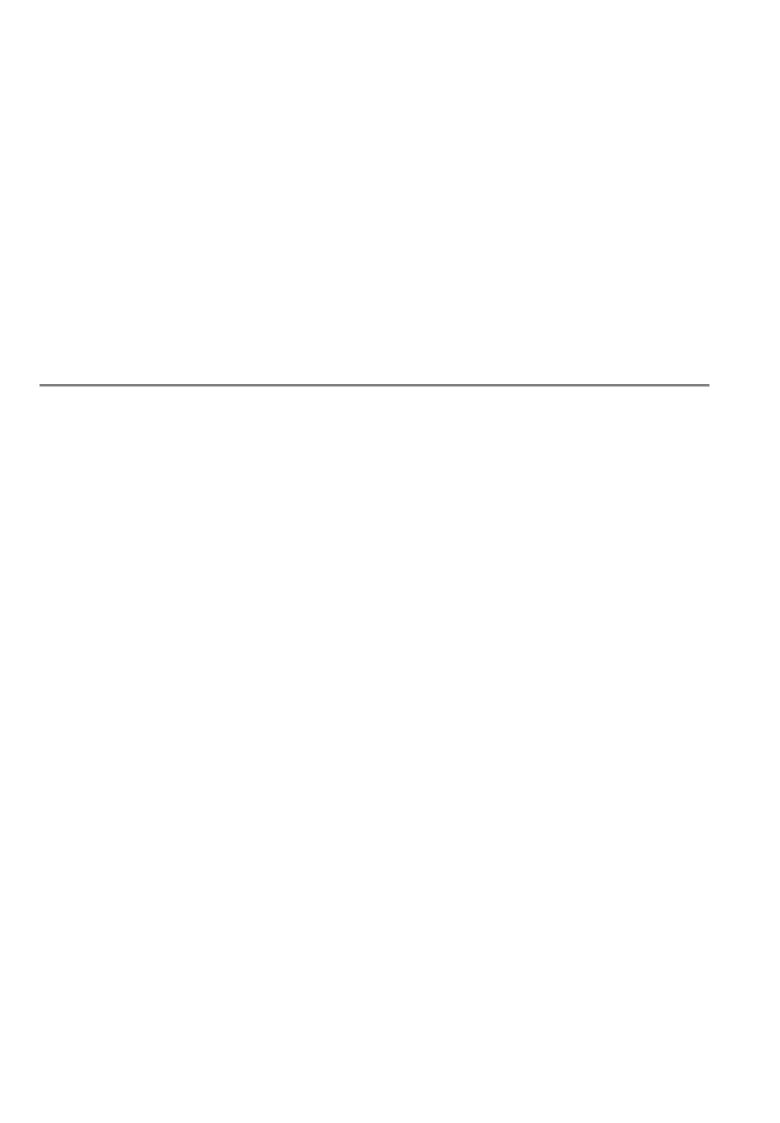
If the DOE notifies an institution that its cohort default rates for each of the three most recent federal fiscal years are 25% or greater, the institution's participation in the Direct Loan Program and the Federal Pell Grant Program ends 30 days after the notification, unless the institution appeals in a timely manner that determination on specified grounds and according to specified procedures. In addition, an institution's participation in Title IV ends 30 days after notification that its most recent fiscal year cohort default rate is greater than 40%, unless the institution timely appeals that determination on specified grounds and according to specified procedures. An institution whose participation ends under these provisions may not participate in the relevant programs for the remainder of the fiscal year in which the institution receives the notification, as well as for the next two fiscal years.

If an institution's cohort default rate equals or exceeds 25% in any single year, the institution may be placed on provisional certification status. Provisional certification does not limit an institution's access to Title IV program funds; however, an institution with provisional status is subject to closer review by the DOE and may be subject to summary adverse action if it violates Title IV program requirements. If an institution's default rate exceeds 40%, the institution may lose eligibility to participate in some or all Title IV programs. Since A spen has only recently begun to participate in Title IV programs and our certification limits the number of A spen students who may receive Title IV aid, we do not yet have reporting data on our cohort default rates for the three most recent federal fiscal years for which cohort default rates have been officially calculated, namely 2007, 2008 and 2009. The primary reason is that we have not yet had students who have begun to repay their Title IV loans.

The Higher Education Opportunity A ctextended by one year the period for measuring the cohort default rate, effective with cohort default rates for federal fiscal year 2009. The current method of calculating rates will remain in effect and will be used to determine any sanctions on institutions because of their cohort default rates until three consecutive years of official cohort default rates calculated under the new formula are available – i.e., in 2014. Effective in 2012, the threshold for ending an institution's participation in the relevant Title IV programs increases from 25% to 30%.

Incentive Compensation Rules. As a part of an institution's program participation agreement with the DOE and in accordance with the Higher Education Act, an institution may not provide any commission, bonus or other incentive payment to any person or entity engaged in any student recruitment, admissions or financial aid awarding activity based directly or indirectly on success in securing enrollments or financially laid. Failure to comply with the incentive payment rule could res—rabonus or opin sat, artyes hes twi icular titon is or obse

In recent years, other postsecondary educational institutions have been named as defendants to whistleblower lawsuits, known as "qui tam" cases, brought by current or former employees pursuant to the Federal False Claims A ct, alleging that their institution's compensation practices did not comply with the in d s



Compliance Reviews. We are subject to announced and unannounced compliance reviews and audits by various external agencies, including SthpaDOiB; ippOffice of Inspector General, state licensing agencies, and accrediting agencies. As part of the DOE's ongoing monitoring of institutions' administration of Title IV programs, the Higher Education Act and DOE regulations require institutions to submit annually a compliance audit conducted by an independent certified public accountant in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and applicable audit standards of the DOE. These auditing standards differ from those followed in the audit of our financial statements filed with this report. In addition, to enable the DOE to make a determination of financial responsibility, institutions must annually submit audited financial statements prepared in accordance with DOE regulations. Furthermore, the DOE regularly conducts program reviews of education institutions that are participating in the Title IV programs, and the Office of Inspector General of the DOE regularly conducts duc solic s	cpt

In addition, we were advised by the DOE that because we were provisionally certified due to being a new Title IV program participant, we could not add new degree or non-degree programs for Title IV program purposes, except under limited circumstances and only if the DOE approved such new program, until the DOE reviewed a compliance

Gainful Employment Under the Higher Education Act, proprietary schools are eligible to participate in Title IV programs only in respect of education programs that lead to gainful employment in a recognized occupation. Under the DOE rules, with respect to each gainful employment program, a proprietary institution of higher education must provide prospective students with the identities of the occupations that the program prepares students to enter, total program cost, on-time completion rate, job placement rate (if applicable), and median loan debt of students who complete the program. Under these reporting rules, with respect to each gainful employment program, an institution must annually submit information to the DOE regarding each enrolled student, including the amount of debt incurred. Institutions must report information no earlier than September 30 of the calendar year in which the award year ends but no later than the deadline established by the DOE. Under the new program requirements, institutions are required to notify the DOE at least 90 days before the commencement of new gainful employment programs which must include information on the demand for the program, a wage analysis, an institutional program review and approval process, and a demonstration of accreditation. On September 27, 2011 the DOE issued a notice of proposed rulemaking in which it proposed, among other changes, to define a smaller group of gainful employment programs for which an institution must obtain approval from the DOE, including only programs that are the same as or substantially similar to programs performing poorly under the gainful employment metrics.

The DOE also recently established three standards that will be used annually to measure whether a program prepares students for gainful employment, beginning July 1, 2012. An academic program that passes any one standard is considered to be preparing students for gainful employment. The standards are:

- 1. A nnual loan repayment rate three to four years after entering repayment on federal student loans, at least 35% of student loans incurred by the applicable cohort of borrowers to fund the costs of a program must be in satisfactory repayment
- 2. Discretionary income threshold three to four years after entering repayment, the median annual loan payment amount for the applicable cohort of students (calculated as described below) may not be greater than 30% of the greater of their average or median discretionary income (annual earnings of a program completer minus 150% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services poverty guideline for a single person).
- 3. A ctual earnings threshold three to four years after entering repayment, the median annual loan payment amount for the applicable cohort of students (calculated as described below) may not be greater than 12% of the greater of their average or median annual earnings.

The annual loan repayment for the debt-to-earnings ratios is derived by determining the median loan debt of the applicable cohort of students who completed the program and includes federal student loans, private loans and debt obligations arising from institutional financing plans. The payment amounts are calculated on the basis of the interest rate then charged on federal direct unsubsidized student loans and the following amortization terms:

<u>Eligibility and Certification Procedures</u>. Each institution must periodically apply to the DOE for continued certification to participate in Title IV programs. Such recertification is required every six years, but may be required earlier, including when an institution undergoes a change of control. An institution may come under the DOE's review when it expands its activities in certain ways, such as opening an additional location, adding a new program, or, in certain cases, when it modifies academic credentials that it offers.

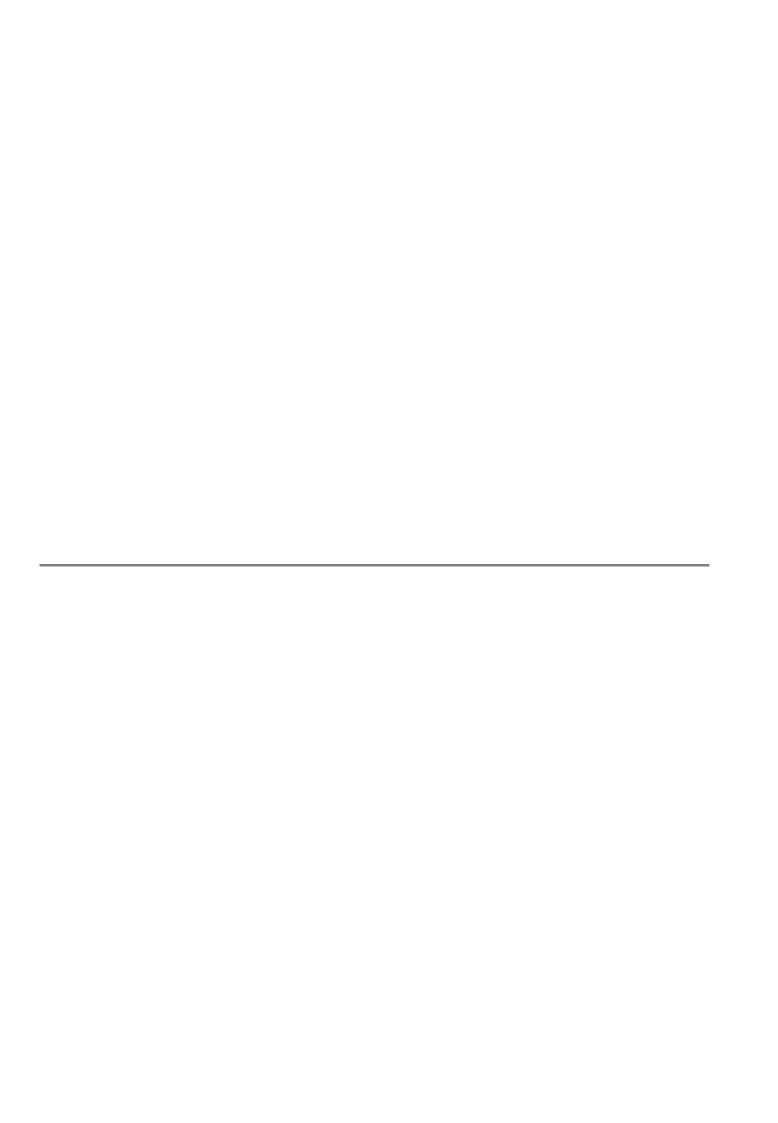
The DOE may place an institution on provisional certification status if it finds that the institution does not fully satisfy all of the eligibility and certification standards and in certain other circumstances, such as when it undergoes a change in ownership and control. The DOE may more closely review an institution that is provisionally certified if it applies for approval to open a new location, add an educational program, acquire another school or make any other significant change.

In addition, during the period of provisional certification, the institution must comply with any additional conditions included in its program participation agreement. If the DOE determines that a provisionally certified institution is unable to meet its responsibilities under its program participation agreement, it may seek to revoke the institution's certification to participate in Title IV programs with fewer due process protections for the institution than if it were fully certified.

Change in Ownership Resulting in a Change of Control. In addition to school acquisitions, other types of transactions cause a change of control. The DOE, most state education agencies, and DETC all have standards pertaining to the change of cachools, but those standards are not uniform. DOE regulations describe some transactions that constitute a change of control, incluransfer of a controlling interest in the voting stock of an institution or the institution's parent corporation. DOE regulations proviously thange of control of a publicly-traded corporation occurs in one of two ways: (i) if there is an event that would obligate the corporation Form 8-K with the SEC disclosing a change of control or (ii) if the corporation has a shareholder that owns at least 25 total outstanding voting stock of the corporation and is the largest's t	control of uding the ide that a ion to file

While A spen has received approval from DETC for the change of ownership and control resulting from the Reverse Merger and from its former Chairman ceasing to own 25% of its voting power, A spen has not yet obtained approval from the DOE. The DOE does not approve a change in ownership and control until after it occurs. The Higher Education Act provides that an institution that undergoes a change in ownership resulting in a change in control loses its eligibility to participate in Title IV programs and must apply to the DOE in order to reestablish such eligibility. An institution is ineligible to receive Title IV program funds during the period prior to recertification. The Higher Education Act provides that the DOE may temporarily provisionally certify an institution seeking approval of a change in ownership and control based on preliminary review by the DOE of a materially complete application received by the DOE within 10 business days after the transaction. The DOE may continue such temporary, provisional certification on a month-to-month basis until it has rendered a final decision on the institution's application. If the DOE determines to approve the application after a change in ownership and control, it issues a provisional certification, which extends for a period expiring not later than the end of the third complete award year following the date of provisional certification. The DOE considers the Reverse Merger to be a change in ownership resulting in a change in control. A coordingly, A spen's certification to participate in Title IV programs terminated after closing the Reverse Merger, and A spen must apply to the DOE to reestablish its eligibility and certification to participate in the Title IV programs. However, in order to avoid significant disruption in disbursements of Title IV funds, the DOE may temporarily and provisionally certify an institution that is seeking approval of a change in ownership, like A spen, under certain circumstances while the DOE reviews the institution's application. On March 15, 2012 the DOE asked A spen to notify it in writing whether A spen would be able to provide to the DOE by March 28, 2012 a letter of credit in the amount of \$105,865, which is 10% of A spen's Title IV receipts in 2011. A spen provided the requested letter of credit by March 28, 2012. The DOE may impose additional terms and conditions in any temporary provisional program participation agreement that it may issue pending review of A spen's application for approval of the change in ownership and control, including growth restrictions or limitation on the number of students who may receive Title IV aid. Furthermore, DOE may impose additional or different terms and conditions in any final provisional program participation agreement that it may issue after it reviews A spen's application for approval of the change in ownership and control, including eo Ville somtationistrico isricologistrico isricologistrico isricologistrico isricologistrico italianterio isricologistrico italianterio isricologistrico italianterio italian

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- failure to maintain accreditation;
- student dissatisfaction with our services and programs;
- adverse publicity regarding us, our competitors or online or for-profit education generally;
- a decline in the acceptance of online education;
- a decrease in the perceived or actual economic benefits that students derive from our programs;
- potential students may not be able to afford the monthly payments; and
- potential students may not react favorably to our marketing and advertising campaigns.

If our new marketing campaign and tuition plan are not favorably received, our revenues may not increase.

If student enrollment decreases as a result of our increased tuition plan, our results of operations may be adversely affected.

In July 2011, we launched a new tuition plan which was materially higher. The prior business model and pricing structure implemented by our prior management was flawed and could not be sustained. Although we believe that changes in our marketing strategy and upgraded technology infrastructure will improve our business, we cannot assure that our student enrollment will not suffer as a result of the increased tuition. If we are unable to enroll students in a cost-effective manner, our results of operations will suffer and you may lose your investment

If we incur system disruptions to our online computer networks, it could impact our ability to generate revenue and damage our reputation, limiting our ability to attract and retain students.

In 2011, we spent approximately \$1.3 million to update our computer network primarily to permit accelerated student enrollment and enhance our students' learning experience. The performance and reliability of our technology infrastructure is critical to our reputation and ability to attract and retain students. Any system error or failure, or a sudden and significant increase in bandwidth usage, could result in the unavailability of our online classroom, damaging our ability to generate revenue and could cause a loss in enrollment. Our technology infrastructure could be vulnerable to interruption or malfunction due to events beyond our control, including natural disasters, terrorist activities and telecommunications failures.

Because we rely on third parties to provide services in running our operations, if any of these parties fail to provide the agreed services at an acceptable level, it could limit our ability to provide services and/or cause student dissatisfaction, either of which could adversely affect our business.

We rely on third parties to provide us with services in order for us to efficiently and securely operate our business including our computer network and the courses we offer to students. Any interruption in our ability to obtain the services of these or other third parties or deterioration in their performance could impair the quality of our educational product and overall business. Generally, there are multiple sources for the services we purchase. Our business could be disrupted if we were required to replace any of these third parties, especially if the replacement became necessary on short notice, which could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

If we or our service providers are unable to update the technology that we rely upon to offer online education, our future growth may be impaired.

We believe that continued growth will require our service providers to increase the capacity and capabilities of their technology infrastructure. Increasing the capacity and capabilities of the technology infrastructure will require these third parties to invest capital, time and resources, and there is no assurance that even with sufficient investment their systems will be scalable to accommodate future growth. Our service providers may also need to invest capital, time and resources to update their technology in response to competitive pressures in the marketplace. If they are unwilling or unable to increase the capacity of their resources or update their resources appropriately and we cannot change over to other service providers efficiently, our ability to handle growth, our ability to attract or retain students, and our financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

Because we rely on third party administration and hosting of open source software for our online classroom, if that third party were to cease to do business or alter its business practices and services, it could have an adverse impact on our ability to operate.

Our online classroom employs the Moodle learning management system which is an open source learning platform and is supported by the open source community. The system is a web-based portal that stores and delivers course content, provides interactive communication between students and faculty, and supplies online evaluation tools. While Moodle is an open source learning platform, we rely on third parties to host and help with the administration of it. We further rely on third parties, the Moodlerooms, Inc. agreement and the open source community as well as our internal staff for ongoing support and customization and integration of the system with the rest of our technology infrastructure. If Moodlerooms or the open source community that supports it were unable or unwilling to continue to provide us with service, we may have difficulty maintaining the software required for our online classroom or updating it for future technological changes. A ny failure to maintain our online classroom would have an adverse impact on our operations, damage our reputation and limit our ability to attract and retain students.

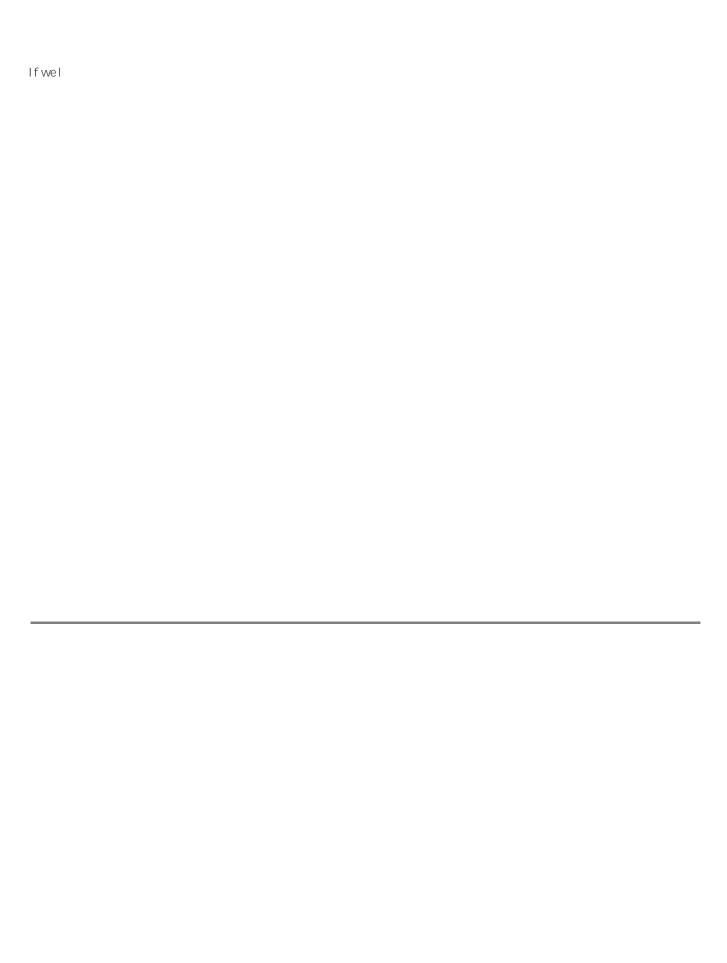


The CAN-SPAM Act's main provisions include:

- Prohibiting false or misleading email header information;
- Prohibiting the use of deceptive subject lines;
- Ensuring that recipients may, for at least 30 days after an email is sent, optout of receiving future commercial email messages from the sender:
- Requiring that commercial email be identified as a solicitation or advertisement unless the recipient affirmatively permitted the message; and
- Requiring that the sender include a valid postal address in the email message.

The CAN-SPAM Act also prohibits unlawful acquisition of email addresses, such as through directory harvesting and transmission of commercial emails by unauthorized means, such as through relaying messages with the intent to deceive recipients as to the origin of such messages.

Violations of the CAN-SPAM Act's provisions can result in criminal and civil penalties, including statutory penalties that can be based in part upon the number of emails sent, with enhanced penalties for commercial email companies who harvest email addresses, use dictionary attack patterns to generate email addresses, and/or relay emails through a netë r5





If we fail to maintain our institutional accreditation, we would lose our ability to participate in the tuition assistance programs of the U.S. A rmed Forces and also to participate in Title IV programs.

A spen is accredited by the DETC, which is a national accrediting agency recognized by the Secretary of Education for Title IV purposes. A ccreditation by an accrediting agency that is recognized by the Secretary of Education is required for an institution to become and remain eligible to participate in Title IV programs as well as in the tuition assistance programs of the United States A rmed Forces. DETC may impose restrictions on our accreditation or may terminate our accreditation. To remain accredited we must continuously meet certain criteria and standards relating to, among other things, performance, governance, institutional integrity, educational quality, faculty, administrative capability, resources and financial stability. Failure to meet any of these criteria or standards could result in the loss of accreditation at the discretion of the accrediting agency. The loss of accreditation would, among other things, render our students and us ineligible to participate in the tuition assistance programs of the U.S.. A rmed Forces or T.i.tle IV programs and have a material adverse effect on our enrollments, revenues and results of operation 4%

Because we have only recently begun to participate in Title IV progV V V

Because we recently underwent a change in ownership and control under DOE regulations, we must reestablish our eligibility and certification to participate in the Title IV programs, and there are no assurances that DOE will recertify us to participate in the Title IV programs.

An institution generally must seek recertification from the DOE at least every six years and possibly more frequently depending on various factors. In certain circumstances, the DOE provisionally certifies an institution to participate in Title IV programs, such as when it is an initial participant in Title IV programs or has undergone a change in ownership and control. At the time of the Reverse Merger, we were provisionally certified to participate in the Title IV programs and we had timely applied for recertification. A spen submitted a voluntary preacquisition review application to the DOE in connection with the Reverse Merger, but the DOE had not acted on that application at the time of the Reverse Merger. Consistent with the Higher Education Act, A spen's certification to participate in Title IV programs terminated after closing of the Reverse Merger, and A spen must apply to DOE to reestablish its eligibility and certification to participate in the Title IV multiple to the DOE in the Title IV multiple to DOE to reestablish its eligibility and certification to participate in the Title IV multiple to DOE to reestablish its eligibility and certification to participate in the Title IV

Because the DOE may conduct compliance reviews of us, we may be subject to adverse review and future litigation which could affect our ability to offer Title IV student loans.

Because we operate in a highly regulated industry, we are subject to compliance reviews and claims of non-compliance and lawsuits by government agencies, regulatory agencies, and third parties, including claims brought by third parties on behalf of the federal government. If the results of compliance reviews or other proceedings are unfavorable to us, or if we are unable to defend successfully against lawsuits or claims, we may be required to pay monetary damages or be subject to fines, limitations, loss of Title IV funding, injunctions or other penalties, including the requirement to make refunds. Even if we adequately address issues raised by an agency review or successfully defend a lawsuit or claim, we may have to divert significant financial and management resources from our ongoing business operations to address issues raised by those reviews or to defend against those lawsuits or claims. Claims and lawsuits brought against us may damage our reputation, even if such claims and lawsuits as applicance of the federal government.



Because our financial statements are not unqualified, A spen may lose its eligibility to participate in Title IV programs or be required to post a letter of credit in order to maintain eligibility to participate in Title IV programs.

To participate in Title IV programs, an eligible institution must satisfy specific measures of financial responsibility prescribed by the DOE, or post a letter of credit in favor of the DOE and possibly accept other conditions, such as additional reporting requirements or regulatory oversight, on its participation in Title IV programs. Our financial statements are qualified on our ability to continue as a going concern, which means the DOE may determine that we are not financially responsible under DOE regulations. The DOE may also apply its measures of financial responsibility to the operating company and ownership entities of an eligible institution and, if such measures are not satisfied by the operating company or ownership entities, require the institution to meet the alternative standards described under "Regulation" on page 15 of this report. Any of these alternative standards would increase our costs of regulatory compliance. If we were unable to meet these alternative standards, we would lose our eligibility to participate in Title IV programs. If we fail to demonstrate financial responsibility and thus lose our eligibility to participate in Title IV programs, our students would lose access to Title IV program funds for use in our institution, which would limit our potential for growth and adversely affect our enrollment, revenues and results of operations.

If we fail to demonstrate "administrative capability," we may lose eligibility to participate in Title IV programs.

DOE regulations specify extensive criteria an institution must satisfy to establish that it has the requisite "administrative capability" to participate in Title IV programs. If an institution fails to satisfy any of these criteria or comply with any other DOE regulations, the DOE may require the repayment of Title IV funds, transfer the institution from the "advance" system of payment of Title IV funds to cash monitoring status or to the "reimbursement" system of payment, place the institution on provisional certification status, or commence a proceeding to impose a fine or to limit, suspend or terminate the participation of the institution in Title IV programs. If we are found not to have satisfied the DOE's "administrative capability" requirements we could be limited in our access to, or lose, Title IV program funding, which would limit our potential for growth and adversely affect our enrollment, revenues and results of operations.

If our student loan default rates are too high, we may lose eligibility to participate in Title IV programs.

DOE regulations provide that an institution's participation in Title IV programs ends when historical default rates reach a certain level in a single year or for a number of years. Because of our limited experience enrolling students who are participating in these programs, we have no historical default rates. Relatively few students are expected to enter the repayment phase in the near term, which could result in defaults by a few students having a relatively large impact on our default rate. If A spen loses its eligibility to participate in Title IV programs because of high student loan default rates, our students would no longer be eligible to use Title IV program funds in our institution, which would significantly reduce our enrollments and revenues and have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

Increased scrutiny of accrediting agencies by the Secretary of Education and the U.S. Congress may result in increased scrutiny of institutions, particularly proprietary institutions, by accrediting agencies, and if our institutional accrediting agency loses its ability to serve as an accrediting agency for Title IV program purposes, we may lose our ability to participate in Title IV programs.

Increased regulatory scrutiny of accrediting agencies and their accreditation of universities is likely to continue. While A spen is accredited by a DOE-recognized accrediting body, the DETC, if the DOE were to limit, suspend, or terminate the DETC's recognition, we could lose our ability to participate in the Title IV programs. The DOE is scheduled to consider its recognition of DETC at its Spring 2012 meeting. If we were unable to rely on DETC accreditation in such circumstances, among other things, our students and our institution would be ineligible to participate in the Title IV programs, and such consequence would have a material adverse effect on enrollments, revenues and results of operations. In addition, increased scrutiny of accrediting agencies by the Secretary of Education in connection with the DOE's recognition process may result in increased scrutiny of institutions by accrediting agencies.

Furthermore, because the for-profit education sector is growing at such a rapid pace, it is possible that accrediting bodies will respond to that growth by adopting additional criteria, standards and policies that are intended to monitor, regulate or limit the growth of for-profit institutions like us. A ctions by, or relating to, an accredited institution, including any change in the legal status, form of control, or ownership/management of the institution, any significant changes in the institution's financial position, or any significant growth or decline in enrollment and/or programs, could open up an accredited institution to additional reviews by the DETC.



Our failure to comply with the DOE's substantial misrepresentation rules could result in sanctions.

The DOE may take action against an institution in the event of substantial misrepresentation by the institution concerning the nature of its educational programs, its financial charges or the employability of its graduates. Under new regulations, the DOE has expanded the activities that constitute a substantial misrepresentation. Under the DOE regulations, an institution engages in substantial misrepresentation when the institution itself, one of its representatives, or an organization or person with which the institution has an agreement to provide educational programs, marketing, advertising, or admissions services, makes a substantial misrepresentation directly or indirectly to a student, prospective student or any member of the public, or to an accrediting agency, a state agency, or to the Secretary of Education. The final regulations define misrepresentation as any false, erroneous or misleading statement, and they define a misleading statement as any statement that has the likelihood or tendency to deceive or confuse. The final regulations define substantial misrepresentation as any misrepresentation on which the person to whom it was made could reasonably be expected to rely, or has reasonably relied, to the person's detriment. If the DOE determines that an institution has engaged in substantial misrepresentation, the DOE may revoke an institution's program participation agreement, impose limitations on an institution's participation in the Title IV programs. We expect that there could be an increase in our industry of administrative actions, and as a result our business could be materially and adversely affected.

Failure to comply with the DOE's credit hour requirements could result in sanctions.

The DOE has defined "credit" hour for Title IV purposes. The credit hour is used for Title IV purposes to define an eligible program and an academic year and to determine enrollment status and the amount of Title IV aid that an institution may disburse in a payment period. The final regulations define credit hour as an institutionally established equivalency that reasonably approximates certain specified time in class and out of class and an equivalent amount of work for other academic activities. The final regulations also require institutional accreditors to review an institution's policies, procedures, and administration of policies and procedures for assignment of credit hours. An accreditor must take appropriate actions to address an institution's credit hour deficiencies and to notify the DOE if it finds systemic noncompliance or significant noncompliance in one or more programs. The DOE has indicated that if it finds an institution to be out of compliance with the credit hour definition for Title IV purposes, it may require the institution to repay the amount of Title IV awarded under the incorrect assignment of credit hours and, if it finds significant overstatement of credit hours, it may fine the institution or limit, suspend, or terminate its participation in Title IV programs, as a result of which our business could be materially and adversely affected.

The U.S. Congress recently conducted an examination of the for-profit postsecondary education sector that could result in	

Moreover, as a result of apparent regulatory pressure from the SEC and the Financial Industry Regulatory A uthority, a growing number of broker-dealers decline to permit investors to purchase and sell or otherwise make it difficult to sell shares of penny stocks like A spen. This may have a depressive effect upon our common stock price.

Our management will be able to exert control over us to the detriment of minority shareholders.

Our executive officers and directors own approximately 25% of our outstanding common stock. These shareholders, if they act together, may be able to control our management and affairs and all matters requiring shareholder approval, including significant corporate transactions. This concentration of ownership may have the effect of delaying or preventing our change in control and might affect the market price of our common stock. For more information, see "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management"

Due to factors beyond our control, our stock price may be volatile.

A ny of the following factors could affect the market price of our common stock:

- Our failure to generate increasing material revenues;
- Our failure to become profitable;
- Our failure to ra lattsmonenum basprofitable;

Since we intend to retain any earnings for development of our business for the foreseeable future, you will likely not receive any dividends for the foreseeable future.
We have not and do not intend to pay any dividends in the foreseeable future, as we intend to retain any earnings for development and expansion of our business operations. As a result, you will not receive any dividends on your investment for an indefinite period of time.
Management Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

This discussion should be read in conjunction with the other sections of Form 8-K, including the risk factors and the consolidated financial



### Mark et for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Shareholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Our stock trades on the Bulletin Board under the symbol "A SPU." Since March 31, 2011, the Public Company's common stock has been quoted on the Bulletin Board. The last reported sale price of the Public Company's common stock as reported by the Bulletin Board on May 3, 2012 was \$3.75. As of March 15, 2012, A spen had 162 record holders including 149 shareholders who received shares in the Reverse Merger. The following table provides the high and low bid price information for our common stock for the periods our stock was quoted on the Bulletin Board. For the period our stock was quoted on the Bulletin Board, the prices reflect inter-dealer prices, without retail mark-up, mark-down or commission and may not necessarily represent actual transactions.

Y ear	Quarter Ended		Prices		s (1)(2)	
	High		ligh		Low	
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2012	March 31	\$	6.50	\$	3.28	
2011	D ecember 31	\$	6.50	\$	6.50	
	September 30	\$	6.50	\$	6.50	
	June 30	\$	6.50	\$	6.25	
	March 31					

### Share Eligible for Future Sale

As of March 16, 2012, we had 35,275,204 shares of common stock outstanding, of which our directors and officers own approximately 15.2 million shares. Of the 9,760,000 shares held by the Public Company shareholders, all but 2,000,000 are freely tradable, the balance become free trading three months after the closing of the Reverse Merger (or June 13, 2012). No shares issued in connection with the Reverse Merger can be publicly sold under Rule 144 of the Securities A ct until 12 months after the Reverse Merger (or March 13, 2013). In general, Rule 144 provides that any non-affiliate of A spen, who has held restricted common stock for at least 12-months, is entitled to sell their restricted stock freely, provided that A spen stays current in its SEC filings. A fter 12-months, a non-affiliate may sell with 125 s , 2-mottteld eA fter the ipetic- rotation of the stock of the stock

### Management

Mr. D on Ptalis, the Public Company's sole officer and director resigned at the time of the consummation of the Reverse Merger. Reference is made to the disclosure set forth under I tem 2.01 of this Form 8-K, which disclosure is incorporated herein by reference. The following executive officers and directors were appointed to their current positions listed in the table in connection with the Reverse Merger. Except for Sanford Rich, who was appointed a director effective with the closing of the Reverse Merger, each person listed in the table had identical positions with A spen.

Name	A ge	Position
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Michael Mathews	50	Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of the Board
Gerald Williams	58	President
David Garrity	51	Chief Financial Officer
Brad Powers	36	Chief Marketing Officer
A ngela Siegel	32	Executive Vice President of Marketing
Michael D'Anton	54	Director
C. James Jensen	70	Director
David Pasi	51	Director
Sanford Rich	54	Director
John Scheibelhoffer	50	Director
Paul Schneier	61	Director

Michael Mathews has served as A spen's Chief Executive Officer and a director since May 2011. He served as Chief Executive Officer of interclick, inc. (Nasdaq: ICLK) from A ugust 28, 2007 until January 31, 2011. From June 2007 until it was acquired by Y ahoo, Inc. (NASDAQ: YHOO) in December 2011, Mr. Mathews also served as a director of interclick. From May 15, 2008 until June 30, 2008, Mr. Mathews served as the interim Chief Financial Officer of interclick. From 2004 to 2007, Mr. Mathews served as the senior vice-president of marketing and publisher services for World A venue U.S.A., LLC, an Internet promotional marketing company. Since March 23, 2011, Mr. Mathews has served as the Chairman and a consultant (and from December 1, 2011 through March 19, 2012 as Executive Chairman) for Wizard World, Inc. (Other OTC: WIZD). Mr. Mathews was selected to serve as a director due to his track record of success in managing early stage and growing businesses, his extensive knowledge of the Internet marketing industry and his knowledge of running and serving on the boards of public companies. A dditionally, Mr. Mathews was appointed a director in connection with the EGC Merger.

Gerald Williams has served as A spen's President since March 2011. Dr. Williams functions as A spen's chief academic officer and has responsibility for all educational matters. Since January 15, 2012, Dr. Williams has also served as the Dean of our School of Technology. Prior to January 1, 2012, Dr. Williams was a consultant beginning in March 2011 under a Consulting A greement. From 2005 until 2010, Mr. Williams was an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri – K ansas City.

David Garrity has served as A spen's Chief Financial Officer since June 2011. He served as Chief Financial Officer of interclick from June 30, 2008 until A ugust 14, 2009 and as a member of interclick's board of directors from June 9, 2008 until June 5, 2009. Through GVA Research LLC, a company he controls, Mr. Garrity provides consulting services to organizations such as the World Bank Group and offers expert commentary on technology sector developments to CNBC, Bloomberg TV and other media networks. Mr. Garrity holds Series 7, 24, 63, 79, 86 & 87 securities licenses and is affiliated with Whitemarsh Capital A dvisors, LLC, a Financial Industry Regulatory A uthority, Inc. ("FINRA") member firm. From 2006 to 2008, Mr. Garrity served as Managing Director and Director of Research for Dinosaur Securities, LLC. In 2006, Mr. Garrity was fined \$10,000 and suspended for 45 days from associating with a FINRA member firm for certain inadvertent violations of FINRA's rules unrelated to fraud or any customer complaints. Mr. Garrity consented to the sanctions without admitting or denying FINRA's findings.

Brad Powers has served as A spen's Chief Marketing Officer since May 2011. From July 2009 until December 31, 2010, Mr. Powers served as the Chief Marketing Officer of A trinsic, Inc. From 2004 until 2009, Mr. Powers was the Chief Executive Officer of A ctive Response G roup, a company he founded.

A ngela Siegel has served as A spen's Executive Vice President of Marketing since January 1, 2012. Ms. Siegel has responsibility for the online lead generation and the Office of Enrollment From July 2010 until December 2011, Ms. Siegel was the Director of Compliance and Enrollment A nalytics at Ward Media, Inc. ("Ward"), a lead generation marketing agency. From January 2010 until July 2010, Ms. Siegel was the Chief Marketing Officer at the Jack Welch Management Institute at Chancellor University. From October 2008 until January 2010, Ms. Siegel was the Director of Enrollment Marketing at Ward. From July 2004 until October 2008, Ms. Siegel was the Online Marketing Manager at Grand Canyon Education, Inc. (NASDAQ: LOPE), a regionally accredited provider of post-secondary education including online as well as traditional ground programs.

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### Code of Ethics

We have adopted a Code of Ethics which applies not only to our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer but all directors and employees.

### Shareholder Communications

A I though we do not have a formal policy regarding communications with the Board, shareholders may communicate with the Board by writing to us at A spen Group, Inc., 224 West 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 604, New York, New York 10001, A ttention: Corporate Secretary. Shareholders who would like their submission directed to a member of the Board may so specify, and the communication will be forwarded, as appropriate.

### Board Structure

We have chosen to combine the Chief Executive Officer and Board Chairman positions. We believe that this Board leadership structure is the most appropriate for A spen. Because we are a small company, it is more efficient to have the leadership of the Board in the same hands as the Chief Executive Officer. The challenges faced by us at this stage – obtaining financing and implementing our business and marketing plan – are most efficiently dealt with by one person who is familiar with both the operational aspects as well as the strategic aspects of our business.

### Board Assessment of Risk

Our risk management function is overseen by our Board. Prior to the Reverse Merger, Aspen's management kept its Board albmptonptoritorit

### Board Diversity

While we do not have a formal policy on diversity, our Board considers diversity to include the skill set, background, reputation, type and length of business experience of our Board members as well as a particular nominee's contributions to that mix. Our Board believes that diversity brings a variety of ideas, judgments and considerations that benefit A spen and its shareholders. A I though there are many other factors, the Board seeks individuals with experience on public company boards, experience on operating growing businesses, and experience with online universities.

### Executive Compensation

The following information is related to the compensation paid to A spen's Chief Executive Officers (principal executive officers) serving during the last fiscal year (the "Named Executive Officers"). No other executive officer earned over \$100,000.

### Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position (a)  Michael Mathews <sup>(1)</sup> Chief Executive Officer	Year (b) 2011	Salary (\$)(c) 62,500	All Other Compensation (\$)(i)	T otal (\$)(j) 62,500
Patrick Spada <sup>(2)(3)</sup> Former Chairman	2011 2010	0	440,735 0	440,735 0

<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Mathews began serving as Chief Executive Officer of A spen in May 2011.

<sup>(2)</sup> Mr. Spada ceased to be principal executive officer of A spen in May 2011.

<sup>(3)</sup> A II other compensation represents estimated personal expenses paid by A spen. A Iso includes \$151,667 in prepaid consulting fees. See page 85 for a further description of these personal expenses.

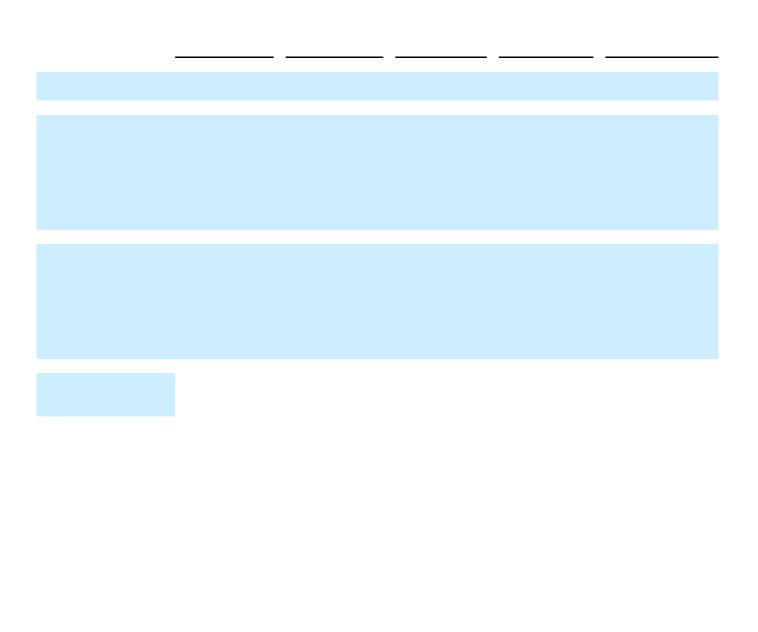
### Executive Employment Agreements

Each of the Employment A greements described below was entered into by A spen prior to the Reverse Merger. We assumed each agreement effective with the closing, and all option grants and common stock issued as performance bonuses will be of the Public Company. Each person's title with A spen is identical with the Public Company.

Michael Mathews. Effective on July 5, 2011, A spen entered into a four-year Employment A greement with Michael Mathews to serve as our Chief Executive Officer. In accordance with the Employment A greement, Mr. Mathews is paid a base salary of \$250,000 per year, which will be increased by at least 10% annually. In addition to a base salary, Mr. Mathews is eligible to receive an annual performance bonus based upon the achievement of pre-established performance milestones of which at least half would be paid in cash and the remaining in common stock. If performance milestones are met, Mr. Mathews' bonus will be 100% of his base salary for the year the milestone was met. A dditionally, in March 2012, Mr. Mathews was granted 300,000 five-year options to purchase shares of Public Company common stock exercisable at \$1.00 per share vesting over a three-year period.

Gerald Williams. Effective January 1, 2012, A spen entered into a five-year Employment A greement with Mr. Gerald Williams to serve as its President. In accordance with the Employment A greement, Mr. Williams is paid a base salary of \$150,000 per year. In addition to base salary, Mr. Williams is eligible to receive an annual performance bonus in an amount equal to 50% of his then-current base salary, based upon the achievement of pre-established performance milestones mutually agreed upon by him and the Chief Executive Officer. One-half of the annual bonus is to be paid in cash and the remaining is to be paid in common stock. A dditionally, in March 2012, Mr. Williams was granted 200,000 five-year options to purchase shares of Public Company common stock at \$1.00 per share vesting over a three-year period.

David Garrity. Effective on June 9, 2011, A spen entered into a four-year Employment A greement with David Garrity to serve as its Chief Financial Officer. In accordance with the Employment A greement, from June 9, 2011 through July 4, 2011, Mr. Garrity was paid a fee in lieu of salary at a rate of \$10,000 per month pursuant to a separate Consulting A greement with Mr. Garrity. From Julyi



### Equity Compensation Plan Information

Immediately following the closing of the Reverse Merger, our Board adopted the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan") which provides for 2,500,000 shares to be granted under the Plan.

The exercise price of options or stock appreciation rights granted under the Plan shall not be less than the fair market value of the underlying common stock at the time of grant. In the case of incentive stock options, the exercise price may not be less than 110% of the fair market value in the case of 10% shareholders. Options and stock appreciation rights granted under the Plan shall expire no later than 10 years after the date of grant. The total number of shares with respect to which options or stock awards may be granted under the Plan the purchase price per share, if applicable, shall be adjusted for any increase or decrease in the number of issued shares resulting from a recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, exchange of shares, stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, or other subdivision or consolidation of shares.

Our Board may from time to time may alter, amend, suspend, or discontinue the Plan with respect to any shares as to which awards of stock rights have not been granted. However no rights granted with respect to any awards under the Plan before the amendment or alteration shall be impaired by any such amendment, except with the written consent of the grantee.

Under the terms of the Plan, our Board may also grant awards which will be subject to vesting under certain conditions. The vesting may be time-based or based upon meeting performance standards, or both. Recipients of restricted stock awards will realize ordinary income at the time of vesting equal to the fair market value of the shares. We will realize a corresponding compensation deduction. Upon the exercise of stock options or stock appreciation rights, the holder will have a basis in the shares acquired equal to any amount paid on exercise plus the amount of any ordinary income recognized by the holder. Upon sale of the shares, the holder will have a capital gain or loss equal to the sale proceeds minus his or her basis in the shares.

The Plan and our standard Stock Option A greement provide for "clawback" provisions, which enable our Board to cancel options and recovn-tiont

### Director Compensation

The Public Company and A spen did not compensate its directors for their service in fiscal 2011.

### Related Person Transactions

During 2010-2011, A spen entered into numerous transactions with its founder and then Chairman, Mr. Patrick Spada, and a corporation he controlled, HEMG. These transactions also occurred prior to 2010. In connection with the audit of A spen's financial statements for 2010-2011, A spen discovered in November, 2011 that HEMG had borrowed \$2,195,084 from it from 2005 to 2010 without Board of Directors authority. A spen has been unable to reach any agreement with Mr. Spada concerning repayment and is considering its options. In connection with this loan, three of A spen's directors pledged 2,209,960 shares of common stock (at the value of \$1.00 per share) to secure payment of this loan receivable. The directors are Mr. Michael Mathews, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Drs. Michael D'A nton and John Scheibelhoffer. A dditionally, Mr. Spada has claimed that he and HEMG are owed approximately \$1,200,000; however, Mr. Spada has not instituted any litigation with respect to this claim. A spen believes his claim is baseless and utterly without merit. In connection with the A pril A greement (described below), Mr. Spada and HEMG agreed to not sue A spen unless filling a counterclaim or cross-claim against A spen if A spen first sues them. See page 88 below.

Previously on September 16, 2011, A spen, HEMG, and Mr. Spada entered into a series of agreements. In essence, Mr. Spada gave up substantial control he retained including the power to determine when, if ever, A spen would go public; in exchange he received substantial benefits from A spen which are described below.

In 2008, HEMG purchased video courses and program rights from A spen for \$1,055,000. The balance due A spen on September 16, 2011 was \$772,793. Under one agreement, HEMG pledged 772,793 shares of Series C, which converted to 654,850 shares of the Public Company's common stock upon the closing of the Reverse Merger to secure payment of this \$772,793. Due to the approximate 0.847 conversion ratio of the Series C into common stock, the shares of Series C pledged by HEMG were not enough to fully secure the \$772,793. In order to avoid a portion of this loan from being partially written-off, on March 8, 2012, Mr. Mathews pledged an additional 117,943 shares as collateral for the repayment of the this obligation. A spen's Board never authorized entry into the 2008 agreements. A s a result, A spen's Board accelerated the due date from 2013 and declared it immediately due and payable. In connection with the A pril A greement (described on page 88), A spen agreed to extend the due date to September 30, 2014 and waived any default which had previously arisen.

On September 16, 2011, A spen and HEMG also entered into a two-year Consulting A greement under which HEMG agreed to serve as a consultant for a fee paid \$140,000 per year for not more than 20 hours per month. Upon execution of the Consulting A greement, A spen prepaid \$151,667 in advance. The Consulting A greement further provided \$22,793 owed by Mr. Spada to A spen will be repaid \$2,000 per month (with \$2,793 the last month) by offsetting amounts due under the Consulting A greement commencing in the 14th month. The Consulting A greement was to terminate when Mr. Spada publicly sold any of A spen's common stock which cannot be before one year after the Reverse Merger closing (or March 13, 2013). Over the term of the Consulting A greement, Mr. Spada was eligible to receive option grants in an amount equal to what any officer or director receives.

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In May 2011, the following investments in A spen's Series A Preferred Stock offering were made directly or indirectly by our officers and/or directors:

- David Pasi invested \$30,000 for 31,500 shares of Series A.
- Sanford Rich invested \$25,000 for 26,250 shares of Series A \*.
- C. James Jensen invested \$50,000 for 52,500 shares of Series A.
- Michael Mathews invested \$150,000 for 157,500 shares of Series A.
- D avid G arrity invested \$25,000 for 26,250 shares of Series A \*.

In May 2011, the following investments in A spen's Series B Preferred Stock offering were made directly or indirectly by officers and/or directors:

- Michael Mathews invested \$50,000 for 52,631 shares of Series B.
- John Scheibelhoffer invested \$31,500 for 33,157 shares of Series B.
- Michael D'A nton invested \$7,500 for 7,894 shares of Series B.

In September 2011, the following investments in Series C were made directly or indirectly by officers and/or directors:

- John Scheibelhoffer invested \$50,000 for 188,457 shares of Series C.
- Michael D'A nton invested \$50,000 for 188,457 shares of Series C.
- C. James Jensen invested \$53,062 for 200,000 shares of Series C.
- D avid E. Pasi invested \$50,000 for 188,457 shares of Series C.
- D avid G arrity invested \$25,053 for 94,430 shares of Series C.
- Michael Mathews invested \$238,209.94 for 897,848 shares of Series C.
- Gerald Williams invested \$25,000 for 94,229 shares of Series C.

The series C shares were sold by HEMG, not A spen.

On A pril 10, 2012, HEMG sold 400,000 shares of common stock of A spen for \$200,000 to individuals who were not executive officers or directors of A spen (the "A pril A greement"). In connection with the A pril A greement, A spen guaranteed that it would purchase 600,000 shares at \$0.50 per share within 90 days of the A pril A greement and agreed to use its best efforts to purchase an additional 1,400,000 shares of common stock at \$0.50 per shares within 180 days from the date of the A pril A greement. If HEMG and Mr. Spada meet their sales obligations under the A pril A greement, A spen agreed to allow HEMG and Mr. Spada to privately sell up to 500,000 shares privately which are subject to the lock-up agreement described above provided that the purchaser agreed to be bound by the terms of the lock-up. A dditionally, under the A pril A greement, HEMG and Mr. Spada agreed not to commence any lawsuit, or cooperate in any lawsuit against A spen, except in an action, claim or lawsuit which is brought against HEMG or Mr. Spada by A spen in which case HEMG and Mr. Spada may assert any counterclaim or cross-claim against A spen. A dditionally, A spen agreed to extend the due date on the \$772,793 receivable to September 30, 2014.

<sup>\*</sup>Messrs. Rich and Garrity were not affiliated with A spen at the time.

### Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The following table sets forth the number of shares of the Public Company's common stock beneficially owned as of May 3, 2012 by (i) those persons known by the Public Company to be owners of more than 5% of its common stock, (ii) each director (iii) the Named Executive Officers (as disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table), and (iv) the Public Company's executive officers and directors as a group. Unless otherwise specified in the notes to this table, the address for each person is: c/o A spen Group, Inc. 224 West 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 604 New York, New York 10001.

Title of Class	Beneficial Owner	A mount of Beneficial Ownership <sup>(1)</sup>	Percent Beneficially Owned <sup>(1)</sup>
Named Executive Officers:			
Common Stock	Michael Mathews (2)	2,818,450	8.0%
Common Stock	Patrick Spada (3)	6,398,315	18.1%
Directors:			
Common Stock	Michael D'Anton (4)	1,952,589	5.5%
Common Stock	James Jensen	221,976	*
Common Stock	David Pasi	317,195	*
Common Stock	Sanford Rich	26,250	*
Common Stock	John Scheibelhoffer	1,977,852	5.6%
Common Stock	Paul Schneier	735,000	2.1%
Common Stock	A II directors and executive officers as a group (11 persons)	8,835,428	25.0 %
5% Shareholders:			
Common Stock	Higher Education Management Group, Inc.	5,897,815	17.0%

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 1%.

A pplicable percentages are based on 35,295,204 shares outstanding as of May 3, 2012 adjusted as required by rules of the SEC. Beneficial ownership is determined under the rules of the SEC and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. A person is deemed to be the beneficial owner of securities that can be acquired by such person within 60 days whether upon the exercise of options or otherwise. Unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes to this table, the Public Company believes that each of the shareholders named in the table has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares of common stock indicated as beneficially owned by them. This table does not include any unvested stock options.



# Preferred Stock We are authorized to issue 10,000,000 shares of \$0.001 par value preferred stock in one or more series with such designations, voting o

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### ITEM 5.01 CHANGES IN CONTROL OF REGISTRANT.

Reference is made to the disclosure set forth under I tem 2.01 of this Form 8-K, which disclosure is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

Reference is made to the disclosure set forth under I tem 2.01 of this Form 8-K, which disclosure is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 5.03 AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BY LAWS: CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR.

The Public Company intends on changing its fiscal year end to D ecember  $31^{st}$  as a result of the Reverse Merger to conform its fiscal year end to that of A spen. rs 5 ppeRNmrSSS ut P1 31/iVror 5 s Prtr8 P1 u3 PestVrs 4 ITEM 5.06 CHANGE IN SHELL COMPANY STATUS.

As a result of the Reverse Merger described in I tem 2.01 of this Form 8-K, we are no longer a shell corporation as that term is defined in Rule 405 of the Securities A c  $\not$  of the Securities A c  $\not$ 

- \* The confidential disclosure schedules are not filed in accordance with SEC Staff policy, but will be provided to the Staff upon request. Certain material agreements contain representations and warranties, which are qualified by the following factors:
- (i) the representations and warranties contained in any agreements filed with this report were made for the purposes of allocating contractual risk between the parties and not as a means of establishing facts;
- (ii) the agreement may have different standards of materiality than standards of materiality under applicable securities laws;
- the representations are qualified by a confidential disclosure schedule that contains nonpublic information that is not material under applicable securities laws;
- (iv) facts may have changed since the date of the agreement, and
- (v) only parties to the agreement and specified third-party beneficiaries have a right to enforce the agreement

Notwithstanding the above, any information contained in a schedule that would cause a reasonable investor (or that a reasonable investor would consider important in making a decision) to buy or sell our common stock has been included. We have been further advised by our counsel that in all instances the standard of materiality under the federal securities laws will determine whether or not information has been omitted; in other words, any information that is not material under the federal securities laws may be omitted. Furthermore, information which may have a different standard of materiality will nonetheless be disclosed if material under the federal securities laws.

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### SIGNATURES

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

ASPENGROUP, INC.

Date: May 4, 2012 By: /s/Michael Mathews

Name: Michael Mathews Title: Chief Executive Officer

A spen Group, Inc. 224 W 30<sup>th</sup> Street Suite #604 New York, NY 10001

A pril 4, 2012

Mr. Patrick Spada Higher Education Management Group, Inc. 144 Vista Drive Cedar Knolls. NJ 07927 Mr. K enneth Matheson 232 Steves Lane Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

Re: A spen Group Inc.

Dear Patrick and Ken:

This letter agreement (this "A greement") documents the transactions agreed upon by and among A spen Group, Inc. ("A spen"), K enneth Mathieson ("Mathieson"), Higher Education Management Group, Inc. ("HEMG") and Patrick Spada ("Spada"). In consideration for \$10.00 and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree to the following:

- By A pril 10, 2012, Mathieson (and his assigns) shall purchase and HEMG shall sell to Mathieson (and his assignees) 400,000 shares of common stock of A spen at a purchase price of \$0.50 per share (for a total of \$200,000). The purchase price shall be paid to HEMG upon the purchaser's receipt of: (i) the original stock certificates representing the Series C Preferred Stock ("Series C") which converted to common stock, (ii) an executed stock power with medallion guarantee transferring the common stock to the purchasers, and (iii) executed Stock Purchase A greements with each purchase in the form annexed hereto (the "SPAs"). HEMG and Spada hereby certify to A spen that they have the ability to and shall convey good title to the common stock free and clear of all liens. A spen shall reissue any shares of common stock representing excess shares from the stock certificates delivered by HEMG and deliver them to HEMG, except for the A dditional Purchased Shares, as defined. HEMG and Spada acknowledge that A spen retained A ction Stock Transfer Corporation as its stock transfer agent
- A spen shall guarantee that it will purchase at least 600,000 A dditional Purchase Shares at \$0.50 per share for an additional \$300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Dollars) within ninety (90) days from the date of this A greement. In addition, A spen shall use its best efforts to purchase from HEMG and resell to investors another 1,400,000 shares of A spen common stock (the 600,000 shares and 1,400,000 shares together, the "A dditional Purchased Shares") at a purchase price of \$0.50 per share (for an additional \$700,000). The right to purchase the balance of the 1,400,000 shares shall expire at 6:00 pm New Y ork time 180 days from the date of this A greement. The obligations of A spen hereunder are subject to each of the following clauses being fully complied with by Spada and HEMG:(i) the original stock certificates representing the A dditional Purchased Shares, (ii) executed stock powers with medallion guarantees transferring the A dditional Purchased Shares to A spen or the transferees, and (iii) executed SPA's for each purchaser of the A dditional Purchased Shares, all being delivered to A spen. HEMG and Spada hereby certify to A spen that they have the ability to and shall convey good title to the A dditional Purchased Shares free and clear of all liens.

Mr. PatrickDSDBBBg c,r Mr. K enneth Mathieson A pril 4, 2012 Page 3

	Sincerely,
	/s/Michael Mathews
	Michael Mathews, Chief Executive Officer
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# INDEMNIFICATION A GREEMENT PATRICK SPADA

THIS INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made and entered into as of September 16, 2011 between Aspen University Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and Patrick Spada (the "Indemnitee").

WHEREAS, Indemnitee has served as an officer and director of the Company;

WHEREAS, Indemnitee and the Company are parties to a certain agreement dated on or about the date hereof pursuant to which, among other things, Indemnitee is agreeing to resign as an officer and director of the Company and serve as a consultant to the Company (the "HEMG/Spada A greement");

WHEREAS, the Company is obligated under the HEMG Spada A greement to provide an indemnification agreement to Indemnitee;

WHEREAS, the By-laws and Certificate of Incorporation of the Company require indemnification of the officers and directors of the GrampiateyIndademnification bursuant to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware ("DGCL"). The By-laws and Certificate of Incorporation and the DGCL expressly provide that the indemnification provisions set forth therein are not exclusive, and thereby contemplate that contracts may be entered into between the Company and members of the board of directors, officers and other persons with respect to indemnification;

WHEREAS, this A greement is a supplement to and in furtherance of the By-laws and Certificate of Incorporation of the Company and any resolutions adopted pursuant thereto, and shall not be deemed a substitute therefor, nor to diminish or abrogate any rights of Indemnitee thereunder;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") has determined that it is reasonable, prudent and necessary for the Company contractually to obligate itself to indemnify, and to advance expenses on behalf of, Indemnitee to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law;

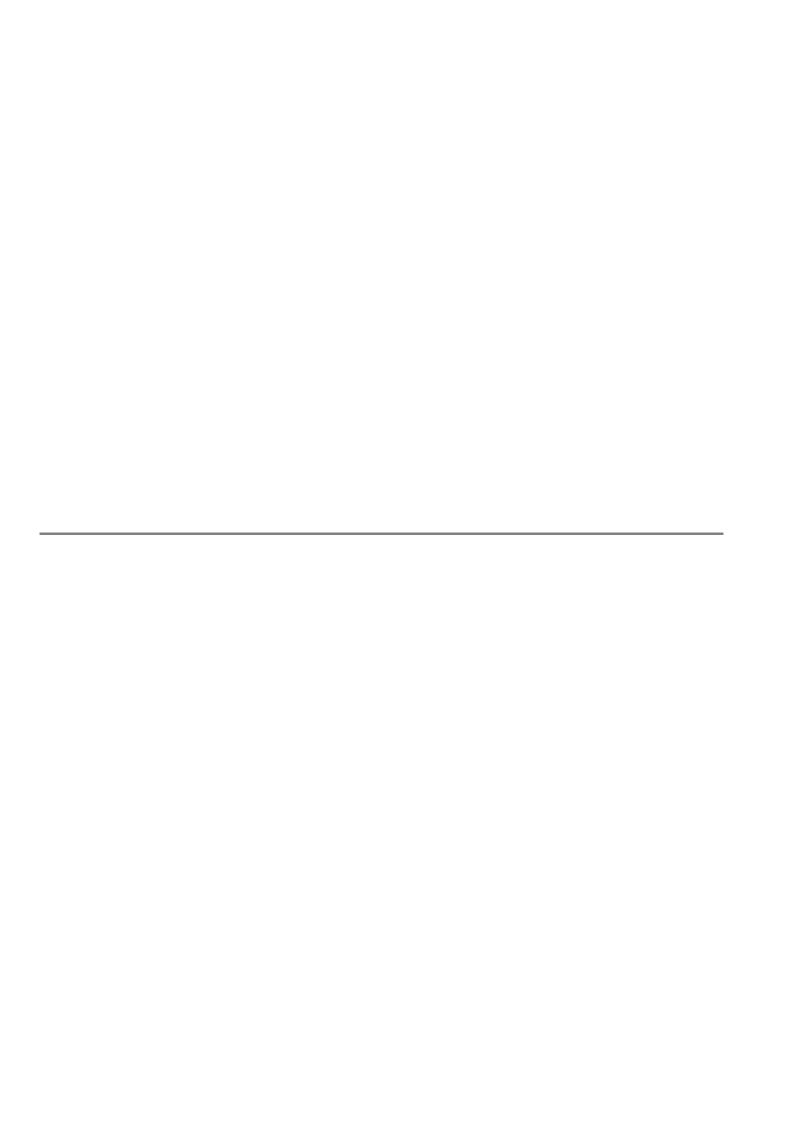
WHEREAS, Indemnitee may have certain rights to indemnification and/or insurance provided by other entities which Indemnitee and such other entities intend to be secondary rti5t 1.7 re-cccc c c c beds c aws;



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partnership, join	t venture,	(f) Except as provided in paragraph (c) above, the Company's obligation to indemnify or advance Expenses who is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee or agent of any other corporation, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise shall be reduced by any amount Indemnite has actually received as cement of expenses from such other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other
	9.	Exception to Right of Indemnification

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- (a) The Company expressly confirms and agrees that it has entered into this A greement and assumes the obligations imposed on it hereby in order to induce Indemnitee to enter into the HEMG Spada A greement
- (b) This A greement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, oral, written and implied, between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof.

### 13. <u>Definitions</u>. For purposes of this A greement

- (a) "Corporate Status" describes the status of a person who is or was a director, officer, employee, agent or fiduciary of the Company or of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise that such person is or was serving at the express written request of the Company.
- (b) "Disinterested Director" means a director of the Company who is not and was not a party to the Proceeding in respect of which indemnification is sought by Indemnitee.
- (c) "Enterprise" shall mean the Company and any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise that Indemnitee is or was serving at the express written request of the Company as a director, officer, employee, agent or fiduciary.
- (d) "Expenses" shall include all reasonable attorneys' fees, retainers, court costs, transcript costs, fees of experts, witness fees, travel expenses, duplicating costs, printing and binding costs, telephone charges, postage, delivery service fees and all other disbursements or expenses of the types customarily incurred in connection with prosecuting, defending, preparing to prosecute or defend, investigating, participating, or being or preparing to be a witness in a Proceeding, or responding to, or objecting to, a request to provide discovery in any Proceeding. Expenses also shall include Expenses incurred in connection with any appeal resulting from any Proceeding [and any federal, state, local or foreign taxes imposed on the Indemnitee as a result of the actual or deemed receipt of any payments under this A greement], including without limitation the premium, security for, and other costs relating to any cost bond, supersede as bond, or other appeal bond or its equivalent. Expenses, however, shall not include amounts paid in settlement by Indemnitee or the amount of judgments or fines against Indemnitee.
- (e) "Independent Counsel" means a law firm, or a member of a law firm, that is experienced in matters of corporation law and neither presently is, nor in the past five years has been, retained to represent (i) the Company or Indemnitee in any matter material to either such party (other than with respect to matters concerning Indemnitee under this A greement, or of other indemnitees under similar indemnification agreements), or (ii) any other party to the Proceeding giving rise to a claim for indemnification hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term "Independent Counsel" shall not include any person who, under the applicable standards of professional conduct then prevailing, would have a conflict of interest in representing either the Company or Indemnitee in an action to determine Indemnitee's rights under this A greement. The Company agrees to pay the reasonable fees of the Independent Counsel referred to above and to fully indemnify such counsel against any and all Expenses, claims, liabilities and damages arising out of or relating to this A greement or its engagement pursuant hereto.

(f)	"Proceeding"	includes any	threatened,	pending	or completed	action,	suit, arbitration,	а

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this A greement on and as of the day and year first above written.

# COMPANY

A SPEN UNIVERSITY, INC.

By: /s/Michael Mathew

Michael Mathews, CEO

A ddress and Email address:

A spen University, Inc. 224 West 30<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 604 New Y ork, NY 10001

A ttn: Mr. Michael Mathews

Email: michael.mathews@aspen.edu

#### INDEMNITEE

# /s/Patrick Spada

Name: Patrick Spada

A ddress and Email address: 144 V ista Drive Cedar K nolls, NJ 07927 Email: patrickspada@yahoo.com

# 10. <u>Presumptions and Effect of Certain Proceedings.</u>

- (a) If a Change of Control shall have occurred, in making a determination with respect to entitlement to indemnification hereunder, and following the procedures in Section 9, as applicable, it shall be presumed that the Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification under this A greement if the Indemnitee has submitted a request for indemnification in accordance with Section 9(a) of this A greement, and the Company shall have the burden of proof to overcome that presumption in connection with the making by any person, persons or entity of any determination contrary to that presumption.
- (b) If the Indemnitee's right to indemnification shall not have been made within 60 days after receipt by the Company of the request therefor, the requisite determination of entitlement to indemnification shall be deemed to have been made and the Indemnitee shall be entitled to such indemnification, absent (i) a misstatement by the Indemnitee of a material fact, or an omission of a material fact necessary to make the Indemnitee's statement not materially misleading, in connection with the request for indemnification, or (ii) a prohibition of such indemnification under applicable law, provided, however, that such 60-day period may be extended for a reasonable time, not to exceed an additional 30 days, if the person, persons or entity making the determination with respect to entitlement to indemnification in good faith requires such additional time for the obtaining or evaluating of documentation and/or information relating thereto; and provided, further, that the foregoing provisions of Section 10(b) shall not apply (i) if the determination of entitlement to indemnification is to be made by the shareholders pursuant to Section 9(b) of this A greement and if (A) within 15 days after receipt by the Company of the request for such determination the Board has resolved to submit such determination to the shareholders for their consideration at an annual meeting thereof to be held within 75 days after such receipt and such determination is made thereat, or (B) a special meeting of shareholders is called within 15 days after such receipt for the purpose of making such determination of entitlement to indemnification is to be made by Independent Counsel pursuant to Section 9(b) of this A greatener cressuceat, holiman, cupustion or cress film (c).

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# 12. <u>Non-Exclusivity; Survival of Rights; Insurance; Subrogation.</u>

- (a) The rights of indemnification and to receive advancement of Expenses as provided by this A greement shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the Indemnitee may at any time be entitled under applicable law, the A rticles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, any agreement, a vote of shareholders or a resolution of directors, or otherwise. No amendment, alteration or repeal of this A greement or any provision hereof shall be effective as to any Indemnitee with respect to any action taken or omitted by such Indemnitee in his Corporate Status prior to such amendment, alteration or repeal.
- (b) To the extent that the Company maintains an insurance policy or policies providing liability insurance for directors, officers, employees, agents or fiduciaries of the Company or of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise which such person serves at the request of the Company, the Indemnitee shall be covered by such policy or policies in accordance with its or their terms to the maximum extent of the coverage available for any such director, officer, employee or agent under such policy or policies.
- (c) In the event of any payment under this A greement, the Company shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all of the rights of recovery of the Indemnitee, who shall execute all papers required and take all action necessary to secure such rights, including execution of such documents as are necessary to enable the Company to bring suit to enforce such rights.
- (d) The Company shall not be liable under this A greement to make any payment of amounts otherwise indemnifiable hereunder if and to the extent that the Indemnitee has otherwise actually received such payment under any insurance policy, contract, agreement or otherwise.
- (e) The Company may, to the full extent authorized by law, create a trust fund, grant a security interest and/or use other means (including, without limitation, letters of credit, surety bonds and other similar arrangements) to ensure the payment of such amounts as may become necessary to effect indemnification provided hereunder.
- 13. <u>Duration of A greement</u> This A greement shall continue until and terminate upon the later of: (a) six years after the date that the Indemnitee shall have ceased to serve as a director, officer, employee, agent or fiduciary of the Company or of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise which the Indemnitee served at the request of the Company; or (b) the final termination of all pending Proceedings in respect of which the Indemnitee is granted rights of indemnification or advancement of Expenses hereunder and of any proceeding commenced by the Indemnitee pursuant to Section 11 of this A greement relating thereto.
- 14. Exceptions to Indemnification Rights. Notwithstanding any other provision of this A greement, except for Indemnification or advancement of Expenses in a Proceeding to enforce or claim therein to enforce the provisions of that A greement, the Indemnitiee shall not be entitled to Indemnification or advancement of Expenses with respect to any Proceeding, or any claim therein, brought or made by him against the Company or the Company against the Indemnitiee; except as provided in the Company's Certificate of Incorporation. Provided further that no right of indemnification under the provisions set forth herein shall be available to the Indemnitee unless within 10 days after the later of (i) the filling of or (ii) learning of any such Proceeding he shall have offered the Company in writing the opportunity to handle and defend such Proceeding at its own expense.
- 15. <u>Gender</u>. Use of the masculine pronoun shall be deemed to include usage of the feminine pronoun where appropriate.
- 16. <u>Successors.</u> Subject to the provisions of this A greement, this A greement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective legal representatives, successors and assigns.
- 17. <u>Severability</u>. In the event any parts of this A greement are found to be void, the remaining provisions of this A greement shall nevertheless be binding with the same effect as though the void parts were deleted.
- 18. <u>Counterparts.</u> This A greement 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 A greement may be by actual or facsimile signature.

19. <u>Benefit</u> Th and assigns.	is A greement shall be binding upon an	d inure to the benefit of the par	ties hereto and their legal represer	ntatives, successors
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# List of Disclosure Schedules to the A greement of Merger and Plan of Reorganization

1.03 Merger Shares

3.14 Disclosed Liabilities