Hitt’s salary hits $450,000 for three-year contract

AEB ARDOYA

The UCF Board of Trustees on Thursday went beyond the conventional ratifications of an independent consultant and approved a contract that raises UCF President John Hitt’s base salary to $450,000 annually. The raise makes Hitt the highest-paid public university president in Florida by base salary and by guaranteed benefits.

Hitt was given an outstanding performance review for his 14-year tenure as UCF president. The board unani­ mously approved a three-year con­ tract, with automatic renewal for an additional two years assuming neither the president nor the Board of Trustees objects. The automatic renewal was put in place to prevent a potential “fama­ dali” period.

Hitt’s term begins Aug. 1. He was also awarded a one-time bonus of $300,000 for the 2006-07 year.

McConnell and Company, the inde­ pendent consulting firm that evaluated Hitt, recommended to the board of trustees on July 27 that Hitt’s base salary be raised from $352,000 annually, which was the second-lowest in the state university system, to $400,000 annually. The raise would have put Hitt just below University of Florida presi­ dent J. Bernardo Machen, whose base salary is $404,000.

Instead, the board added $50,000 to the recommended base salary.

Dr. James Koch, the independent consultant who evaluated Hitt, con­ cluded that Hitt ranks among “the top two or three most effective presidents” he has evaluated, according to a pro­ posed board action to approve the compensation plan. Koch went on to say that “all things considered, Hitt may well be the most effective pro­ ductive president I have ever evaluat­ ed.”

John Vuchinich, the chair of the Com­ pensation and Assessment committee, praised Hitt at the board meeting, say­ ing that Hitt has been a staple in the Central Florida community.

And frankly, his effort to bring UCF into the community has taken on not 14 years, but he’s been doing it for 14 years,” Vuchinich said.

The plan also calls for an extensive refresher course for transfer students, a立体­ oriented university system, to include a three-year contract.

The Mayor’s office, the UCF Board of Trustees, and the police department, the Independent Chronicle, would also be involved.

What that episode and others in recent years indicate is that when it comes to free speech, UCF students are free to speak — but not necessarily be heard.

Twice in the past four years, UCF has increased or changed the number of locations on campus where students outside classrooms may not be allowed to exercise free speech. These areas, or “free-speech zones,” include the lawns between the Reflection Pond and the Math and Physics Building; the brick area between the Student Union and the Washington Center; the area behind Health and Physical Education; and the area near the owl with the triangle outlined by Colburn Hall, the Washington Center, and the parking lot.

Visitation of the regulations can result in fines and other penalties. Its members include scholars, artists and writ­ ers who are to be portrayed as crazed screaming liberals. Its main goal is to ensure people values to be represented in relation to how much a decision will affect them. This gives equal representation to both sides.

SDS member Alex Beckman said many students are oblivious of the restrictions placed on free speech. "It’s convenient," he said, for the administration to control free speech out of fear that the student body is not well informed.

Local companies buffer sluggish summer sales with orientation business

ILOO students expected to attend orientation this summer, patron area hotels, restaurants

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There are about 4,000 students at UCF and every one of them has attended an orientation session at one point or another. Whether it’s a two-day freshman orientation or a one-day refresher course for transfer students, UCF gets packed during the summer two to three days a week with new students.

And UCF businesses reap the ben­ efits.

Because UCF has fewer students in attendance during the summer, many businesses suffer from a decline in sales. Orientation’s index of students helps them during this time of year.

Julia Delgado is the Summer Student Union in an exception. Business is usually down in the summer, but “orienta­ tion definitely helps,” said Delgado, the general manager.

The UCF bookstore and café is in the same boat as UCF, Julia Delgado Whatmore, the summer café’s owner, said. Generally in the summer when there’s no orientation we’re pretty much waiting for customers to come,” Whatmore said in an interview. Howev­ er, when orientation is in session “we always have a steady flow of people coming in to get coffee,” she said.

"We love it, we just make sure we have extra staff on hand because orienta­tion always brings in business," Whatmore said.

While UCF does not specifically partner with businesses outside of UCF for orientation, the ILOO stu­ dents expected over the summer for orientation still has a positive effect on the local economy.

Christian Ross, an 18-year-old incoming freshman from Boca Raton, is staying in Academic Village during orientation. While in Orlando, Ross went to Universal Studios’ Island of Adventure. He also hung out at several local businesses.

"We go to Magic Mike, sleep around at a primary bank is another example. There, the faculty and staff use free speech. "We promote them exclusively as the Future of Central Florida Future

Engaged students often delay weddings see A2

Pickin’ a winner

Conference USA coaches pick UCF to win C-USA East in the preseason poll — see sports, B1

Taste test

UCF cookbook recipes tested at September cook-off

See news, A5

Free speech allowed only in some areas

Many students unaware of free-speech policy at UCF

TAYLOR VERNER

Free speech has long been an issue at UCF, with debate on whether it should be limited to certain parts of campus currently underway.

This speech issue came to the forefront at UCF again recently when a student organiza­ tion was denied the ability to hold an event.

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Students apply for internships, go off in all as well as summer

CLEMSON, S.C. — More

and more companies are looking for college interns in

the fall, Clemson University officials said.

The numbers are increasing

about 10 percent a year, said Shay Namanskar, direc- •

tor of internships at Clemson.

Companies also are going on-campus, which typically alter- •

nates with work of work and school, in the fall, said Marty

Williamson, director of Cooperative Education at Clemson.

"If we're going to continue making it as a recruiting tool, we're going to have to stay on top of this," Namanskar said.

Companies often pay salaries, but students don't get college credit.

Internships, which typically are seen as an edge, may or may not come with a salary.

Often, the internship can be a full-time job after graduation.

New Arizona state flag low could be costly for many colleges

PHOENIX — Commu- •

nity colleges around Maricopa

County may have to pay as much as $1.5 billion to add American warnings and campaigns targeting college •

students, about half of the community colleges.

The Maricopa district is one of the largest in the state.

"If each flag had a $25 price tag, the Arizona Community College Association's execu- •

tive director said it would total more than $30,600 for the 10 community college districts in the state.

Community Colleges will have to come up with as many as 1,220 Ameri- •

can flags.

There were more than 200,000 students, 90 colleges and two half centers, the Maricopa District is one of the largest in the state and makes up about half of the community college students in the state.

Its fiscal budget this year is $5.5 billion.

Some districts around the state haven't said they would raise flag funds by soliciting students and individuals.

Study says college students first own drug alcohol safety

NEW YORK — Despite the anti-smuggling warnings and legislation targeting college campuses, students will find easy access to drugs and they've developed ways to drink safely, researchers reported Friday.

Walk up to 20 people in a room, have students drink, fewer than 15 percent say they've been injured or damaged property.

The narcotics study, Michael Halstein says in a study published by the National Safety Resource Center

The study, developed with data from more than 28,000 students at 44 colleges and universities, noted that about 90 percent of student drinkers protect themselves by using designated drivers, setting spending limits at bars, paying for their drinks out in groups and trusting friends to speak up when someone is drinking too much.

He center advocates a "smart average approach" to alcohol safety, essentially encouraging that student drinking occurs and promoting to the students that makes practicing safe drinking.

Certain promoters behav- •

iors — such as providing drugs, privacy and pacing drinks in one or fewer places "are much frequen- •

tly the most frequen- •

t of others," said Halstein, director of the center, based at Northwestern University in Chicago.

Critics suggest that programs need to include tougher penalties for student drinking and the risk of drinking student access to alcohol.

The findings will be pub- •

lished in next month Journal of the American College Health.

They were presented Friday to the National Conference on the Social Norms Approach.

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UCF cookbook recipes to be tasted at September cook-off

TAYLOR VERNASKEY (Continued from page 1)

The UCF Division of Administration and Finance will hold a cook-off to raise money for the National Coalition for the Homeless.

The cook-off is scheduled for Sept. 19 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Live Oak Room of the UCF Marketplace building. The event is part of a cookbook drive A Taste of UCF as part of the 2006 Florida State Employees Charitable Campaign.

The cook-off will allow the UCF community to come together and sample some of these recipes. It’s an opportunity for our contributors to sign up and cook their dish and to share the UCF community what they created,” said Megan White, A&F student assistant and cookbook committee chair.

Only those who have contributed a recipe into the cookbook are eligible to enter the cook-off. Registration forms have been sent out via e-mail. Campaign Coordinator Tiffanie Brand said that contributors can fix them in, mail them in or turn them in at the A&F office.

The cook-off will be limited to 30 applicants. Local community chefs and judges will also be on hand.

Richard Stallworth, director of Business Services, will be one of the judges. Stallworth has published his own cookbook from which he donated some recipes to A&F’s UCF cookbook.

Stallworth said the cook-off will be beneficial for the campaign and the NCH.

“Everything we do to raise awareness and make donations is a good thing,” he said.

Those who contributed a recipe will have their own table. A panel of three judges will conduct taste tests on each recipe and prizes will be awarded in different categories. Students, faculty and administrators can attend and sample the food. There is no entry fee but attendees can make donations.

“We’ll be willing to take donations if folks are interested and willing to give a few dollars here and there,” White said.

Proceeds from the cookbook and cook-off will go to the NCH.

“That’s where our heart is and that’s what we want to benefit from this cookbook and cook-off,” White said.

Those entering the cook-off will be able to decorate their table to correspond with their respective dish, White said. For example, if the dish is Mexican, then the contestant can decorate his table with festive colors and ambiance.

Contestants need to pre-cook their food as open flames are prohibited. Slow cookers are allowed and microwave and hot plates will be supplied. Delores Bricker is the coordinator of the cook-off. Her duties include presenting the recipes from each contributor, soliciting donations for prizes and setting up the judges. She said both the cookbook and cook-off will be successes because the UCF community will enjoy the old family recipes.

“That’s why cookbooks still do so well,” Bricker said. “You always have a good collection of recipes.”

A&F had planned to hold the cookbook drive for the 2006 FSECC. The division worked on it for almost eight months before it didn’t finish.

“We didn’t have enough time to put it together because it’s a huge undertaking,” White said.

Plans were made to hold off until the 2006 FSECC, which begins in September. When the committee started putting together the cookbook it led to discussions of holding a cook-off. White and the committee thought that since they were doing a cookbook it would be fun to have the contributors come in to cook their dishes.

White said this is a great opportunity for the UCF community to stop in and have a taste of the dishes available. At the same time, they can learn more about the cookbook, the campaign and the NCH.

**Cook-off information**

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When: Sept. 19 from noon to 1 p.m.

Where: Live Oak Room, UCF Marketplace building

Admissions: Free; donations accepted

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Philosophy professor tries to widen students' horizons

Schippert teaches classes on religion, feminism, culture

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Buddhist prayer flags dangle from the ceiling, imperceptibly floating on the slightest breeze. A stuffed Buddha sits on a particularly tidy bookshelf—pudgy and pale with a serene smile stitched onto his face. Wooden prayer beads lie around philosophy professor Claudia Schippert's wrists and ankles every time she greets her students. The atmosphere of her office may be tranquil, but it belies Schippert's restless passion and curiosity.

A long-time advocate of gay rights, Schippert vehemently disagrees with California Gov. Schwarzenegger's recent decision. "I go to a few meetings. I'm mostly there to support," she said. "If a child is in a loving home, that's what's worth fighting for. It's not just about the couple."

As a philosophy professor at UCF, Schippert's job description is brief and she shakes her head. "There's something wrong with them," she said. "Either they're not good people, or they're not just someone who was born that way."

Schippert was hypermuscular, very much like the Marvel comic book heroes. "There's a powerful tradition of hypermuscularity of the body builders, the body in terms of sports. In the history and sociology of religion, there's a powerful tradition of masculinity in a Christian or a Catholic context," she said.

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Students get 'union dollars' to boost University merchants' sales

The first day of classes, orientation helps businesses "in the area," not university president

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The widespread criticism from the news media prompted the universities to respond by designating the free-speech zones. "Universities said Patrick Decarlo, a professor at Tufts University, "think speech should be based on chalk and tape."

The political science professor Drew said the free-speech zones create a calmer environment, she said. "I didn't know that free speech was restricted to these areas," she said. "The profit is high, but it never paid attention to the free speech policy."

Some students who attend UC and SDS have agreed to maintain free-speech zones. "I don't think that free speech is restricted to these areas," she said. "The reason is that we should be able to convey your political views. Students shouldn't be confined to certain areas on campus."

Crystal Walker, 24, who works for Student Services, said someone associated with the university should be allowed to speak anywhere. "Everyone has a right to proclaim what their standing is," she said. "Speech should be allowed to as long as there is no physical attack on the speaker.""Universities promote the idea of freedom of speech," Nancy Casey, 21, said. "Free speech should be allowed all over campus."

The idea is that as long as what is being expressed is not physically threatening, then free speech should be allowed, according to Nevada. "We should be able to express our opinions everywhere," he said. "Just not at certain locations."

Elington Ross, 27, plans to attend UC in the fall. The free-speech zones create a calmer environment, he said. "When two opposing groups with different ideas come together, they tend to clash," Ross said. "Any free-speech zones fail just to keep the peace."
Dyer says ordinance fights litter, food-borne diseases

We get the truth. We try to clean up as much as we can," said Ben Rudolph of Food Not Bombs. He and other volunteers of the organization bypassed the ordinance Wednesday by serving food to the homeless near Central Boulevard and Osceola Avenue, which is a stone's throw away from Lake Eola.

Choosing a sidewalk for the feeding was a compromise within the group. "We told the police we are still going to be here Wednesdays at 7 p.m.," Rudolph said. "We will get arrested if it means having to get arrested, but we'd like to try to get everything fed."

Despite intermittent rain, the event drew a great number of homeless people to the group's missions, where meals were served. While his fellow helpers, mostly high school students, handed out food, Rudolph was busy expressing his outrage over the ordinance.

"It's a civil injustice," he said. "You can't just cover up the problem. You have to deal with it. It's about being humane. It's about helping people who need it most. If they [the city government] want to make it happen, they can make it happen."

These most affected by the ordinance -- the homeless -- reacted with a mix of indifference and passion.

"I'm not worried about it," said Jason Settembrino, who has been homeless for years.

"It is a first, man, Jesus first," Settembrino said he was convinced that the feeding would continue, even if it meant to move to another location.

Meanwhile, he and other homeless people are trying to raise money for the cause by singing as a band, sponsored by local supporters, his group plans to perform as the Tempest Fulgent Project.

During the City Council meeting, Mayor Buddy Dyer defended the wording of the ordinance.

"We are not trying to be rock stars," Settembrino said with a smile, but the project might make more people aware of the situation of the homeless.

Brion Kane, who works for the downtown law firm, and joined the opposition against the ordinance, the problem fix just within the specific mentioning of the homeless.

"Take away homeless people and put black or women. Would anybody allow that?" Kane said. "By this ordinance, they are grouping people together by this nebulous, precarious status."

"You can feed birds and dogs out here, but you can't feed [the homeless]. It's an obvious attempt to deny people's civil rights.

Dyer said. "We are still going to be here Wednesdays at 7 p.m."

Meanwhile, he and other volunteers are trying to raise money for the cause by singing as a band, sponsored by local supporters, his group plans to perform as the Tempest Fulgent Project.

"It's a very, very poor solution," he said. "The ordinance is not going to do the things they [the city government] think it will."

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"I'm a local boy, I'm from Orlando so it was an easy decision. That's where I wanted to go."}

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Free speech zones bad for society

F ree speech zones restrict the freedoms of UCF stu- dents and are not necessary for the protection of UCF students. Many students are unaware that they do not have free speech rights throughout campus.

In reality, there are areas on campus designated for organized protest and information distribution. These areas include the Reflecting Pond and the Martin Physics Building. The brick mall area between the Student Union and the Washington Avenue Student and Public Affairs 2 adjacent to the Tom Miller parking lot is also designated for free speech rights.

Other claims that free speech zones protect students from harassment or violence are not true. They have been used as cover for police to harass and detain people.

Some may argue that free speech zones protect students from harassment or being exposed to ideas with which they do not agree. Here we reached the point at which we would turn away from our core beliefs and values. Can any good come from avoiding ideas and opinions?

We need to stand together as a society when the freedoms of others are threatened, and as such deserves to be available to everyone.

The most glaring of these is that Holocaust denial is being advocated at actively military targets. Israel, the most democratic, sprawling, and as such deserves to be available to everyone.

Public education is struggling to survive. Many students are unaware that they do not have free speech zones. Americans are constrained in every way that they do not agree.

The military is very accurate when it comes to speech on campus, but it is not because they did not have the good sense to make their own area as vulnerable to the restrictions.

What do you think about free speech zones?
place today may be the impetus for removing Hezbollah from Lebanon and bringing real peace there for the first time in decades. The people of Lebanon deserve no less. And so do the people of Israel."

The truth is that no support within Lebanon for an Israeli invasion. Rather, there is much support for their continued occupation (not necessarily for Hezbollah). Furthermore, there is no chance of the leased territories ending Jewish military occupation. Israel abandoned exactly that goal in 2000 after many bloody years of occupation in southern Lebanon. Its repeated incursions into Lebanese territory have done nothing but open up avenues for Hezbollah.

As the Boulder's editorial page states, Israel is employing collective punishment of an entire nation for the crimes committed by one group. Collective punishment is recognized internationally as a crime against humanity and has been so since it was outlawed by anti-Nazi governments after World War II.

**MARY BUNN**

Reader questions自然的视角

Which side is your newspaper on about the Islamic terrorism that used to kill us?

Terrorism is the greatest immediate threat fac­ing America. Hopefully Israel can rally as many terrorists as possible and save us from future acts of terrorism. Your editorial simplifies the terrorist propaganda that plagued the liberal media.

Don't you understand the same people that hype the Holocaust and praise Adolph Hitler are behind the attacks on Israel? Take away the terrorizers and the threat will not have any weapons. Take weapons away from Israel and there will be no Israeli newspaper that has a warped sense of what is going on in the world.

As a 1979 graduate of UCF, I am extremely dis­appointed with the rhetoric written in the school newspaper. Pull your heads out of the sand and recognize there is no way to negotiate with ter­rorists. Terrorists need to be killed or there will be no peace in the world. Jewish leaders warned during the Clinton administration when you were probable­ly still in middle school. The U.S. gave a bun­dle of money bought to the White House. Israeli president was supposed to disarm the terrorists. President Clinton storied the word, Israel kept their word and the terrorists broke their promises.

Do you get the point? I don't know how you can explain this to you until I sit in the face but you won't get it because you have a disease to buy into your way of thinking, President Bush gets it and so does Condoleeza Rice. Great Hillary Clin­ton promises to get it. Examine the facts and be realistic. Israel is doing the right thing and deserves the support of all the free world.

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