

# UGA track' Caryl Smith Gilbert gets lucrative deal, tennis coach raise

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## Details on what UGA is paying new track coach, raises for tennis coach and hoop assistants



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Georgia attracted its new head coach for men's and women's track and field by offering her annual compensation more lucrative than former coach Petros Kyprianou's hefty deal.

Caryl Smith Gilbert's total yearly pay will be \$500,000, which is \$70,000 more than Kyprianou was making.

The information was obtained Wednesday by the Athens Banner-Herald in an open records request.

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No contract or memorandum of understanding was provided, but Smith Gilbert will be working under a six-year contract, according to athletic director Josh Brooks.

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At Southern California, Smith Gilbert won two women's national titles in the last three NCAA outdoor championship meets.

Kyprianou also won two national titles at Georgia but turned down a multi-year extension and let his contract run out after this season after not getting assurances about major facility improvements he wanted.

Smith Gilbert's \$500,000 annual pay is before any performance bonuses.

Georgia also boosted women's tennis coach Jeff Wallace's pay to \$325,000, an increase of \$65,000.

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Wallace also had his contract extended one year through the end of the 2024 season.

Wallace's team won the SEC regular season and tournament championships and was a No. 3 seed in the NCAA tournament, going out in the quarterfinals.

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Three of Joni Taylor's women's basketball assistants also received boosts in salary after the team reached the SEC tournament finals and the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Associate coach Karen Lange got a \$15,000 raise to \$215,000 and assistant Chelsea Newton received a \$30,000 raise also to \$215,000. Assistant Robert Mosley's increase was \$15,000 to \$185,000.

Taylor this spring got a three-year contract extension and \$100,000 raise to bring her pay to \$850,000 annually.

Men's basketball assistant coach Steve McClain's salary increases \$50,000 to \$350,000 under terms of his contract. Director of player development Brian Fish's annual salary rose \$35,000 to \$205,000.

Equestrian coach Meghan Boenig, whose team won the national title, got a \$10,000 raise to \$110,000.