

At its meeting of December 9, 1996, the Academic Senate approved the following policy recommendation as presented by Dominique Van Hooff for the Executive Committee.

**POLICY RECOMMENDATION  
RENAMING THE SJSU INTERNATIONAL CENTER  
IN HONOR OF PHYLLIS FORWARD SIMPKINS**

WHEREAS: Alan and Phyllis Simpkins, 1989 winners of the Tower Award and 1996 recipients of CSU honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees, have been philanthropic leaders of San Jose State University since the 1970's; and

WHEREAS: Phyllis Forward Simpkins (B.A. Home Economics and Marketing, 1946) has exemplified alumni dedication, serving as vice president of the SJSU Advisory Board, as 1977-78 president of the Alumni Association, as founder of the Circle of Friends -- the alumni support organization of the Department of Nutrition and Food Science -- and with her husband contributing generously to a variety of campus organizations and enterprises, notably inter-collegiate athletics and the Spartan Marching Band; and

WHEREAS: Eighteen years ago, Phyllis Forward Simpkins established the SJSU International Center which houses approximately 75 foreign and American students, and

WHEREAS: Phyllis and Alan Simpkins have recently given the International Center facility to the University; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of San Jose State University express its gratitude to Phyllis and Alan Simpkins for their exemplary and welcome support; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of San Jose State University endorse the recommendation of the Special Committee on Facility Naming to honor Phyllis Forward Simpkins by re-naming the SJSU International Center the **Phyllis Forward Simpkins International House** as a means of permanently recognizing and remembering the name and philanthropic leadership of this generous alumna.

**ACTION BY THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Approved by President Robert Caret on August 20, 1997.**