## **SRJC Scholarship Committee**

**October 30, 2015**

**3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Plover Hall, Room 526**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

Rachael Cutcher, Dorothy Battenfeld, Dan Benedetti, Linda Close, Luz Garcia, Galen George, Karen Brooks (Foundation designee), Freyja Pereira, Erika Hernandez Ramirez, Bill Reinking, Jim Ryan

**Welcome:**

Rachael called the meeting to order at 3:00.

The September 25, 2015 minutes were approved as presented.

#### **Discussion Item**

During the September 25, 2015 meeting, committee members requested additional information regarding Doyle Scholarships to demonstrate whether the program could support action for a second year renewal of the Doyle Scholarship Program. Using a conservative analysis of the projected unreserved fund balance, the number of potential Doyle Scholar awardees for 2016-17, and a comparison of renewal offers at three different rates, the Scholarship Committee recommended offering a second year renewal for Doyle Scholarship awards at the $1,000 level.

Additional data was reviewed to support this action and included PRPP data, which demonstrates that scholarship recipients’ rate of persistence from Fall to Spring is consistently significantly higher than the District-wide rate. In 2013-14, Doyle Scholars' persistance was 26.6% higher than the District-wide rate. Other Scholars also remain consistently higher in persistence Fall to Spring, nearly 19% higher than the District-wide rate.

In fall 2015, 806 Doyle scholars receiving at least one payment. In the discussion regarding offering renewals, the committee felt strongly that by offering a second year renewal, Doyle Scholars would receive the financial encouragement and support to continue the pursuit of the educational and career goals.

#### **Action Items**

The Scholarship Committee recommended and approved award amount for the Class of 2016 to remain at $1,000 and approved a recommendation to offer a second year renewal option. This action will result in a two-year award program, at $1,000 per year, for students who meet the eligibility requirements to receive a Doyle Scholarship.