## **SRJC Scholarship Committee**

**September 25, 2015**

**2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

**Plover Hall, Room 526**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

Rachael Cutcher, Dorothy Battenfeld, Dan Benedetti, Karen Brooks, Jana Cox, Luz Garcia,

Sharien Hinton, Katie Parrish, Bill Reinking, Jim Ryan

**Welcome:**

Rachael called the meeting to order at 2:05. She welcomed new members and introductions were made.

The October 24, 2014 minutes were approved as presented.

#### **Discussion Items:**

Rachael presented a copy of the Scholarship Committee’s function, committee roster, and committee structure. The committee discussed the role and function of the committee and its alignment with the District’s mission.

The Scholarship Office hired Noemy Leahy in August to replace a vacant Scholarship Technician position.

The 2015-16 Scholarship Programs were reviewed. For 2015-16, 1,558 Doyle Scholarships were offered to members of the high school class of 2015. Of those, we expect to distribute awards to approximately 55% of the recipients. In spring 2015, the Doyle Trustees advertised, reviewed, and selected 85 students to receive Doyle Trustee awards for the 2015-16 academic year. All Doyle Program awards were offered at $1,000 each and students must meet the academic requirements and student success steps outlined in their award letters in order to claim the awards.

Rachael provided information on the larger scholarship funds including the various Anonymous Donor programs, the F & C Lahm Family Scholarships and the Osher & Osher/Lahm Awards. She reported on the Adult Literacy grant, which allows for scholarships to students in ESL, EOPS, and Puente programs as well as those who are entering SRJC through the outreach efforts of LiteracyWorks, a community based non-profit organization. New scholarship awards are added to the overall program on a regular basis.

Rachael asked committee members to save the date for the high school counselors Doyle Kick-Off event, which will be held on Friday, January 8, 2016.

Rachael presented preliminary information on the 2016-17 Doyle Scholarship Program. She reviewed the 2014-15 ending fund balance, the projected balances for 2015-16 and opened a discussion on planning for the 2016-17 awards. The committee will meet again in October to plan for the next award cycle.

#### Action Items

None presented at this time.