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WCCEA BOT ENDORSEMENTS A Message from WCCEA President Fitzpatrick

The three employee unions at WCC interviewed seven of the ten candidates for Board of Trustees (Greg Irwin declined our request for an interview, and neither Angela Davis nor Charles Wolfe responded to our numerous requests).

Of the seven who consented to meet with us, we have endorsed **Dilip Das and William (Bill) Milliken, Jr.**, for election.

Milliken is, of course, the son of the former governor. He has long served on the WCC Foundation Board and he is deeply involved in the community. He impressed us with his breadth of experience in local politics, with his sense of fairness, and with his commitment to the College. We have every expectation that, were he elected, Bill Milliken would ask hard questions of the College administration and would bring fairness and good judgment to all that came before the Board.

The Board of Trustees appointed Das to the Board one year ago to fill the seat of Pam Horiszny who abruptly quit last September. In that year he has brought much needed experience in higher education to the Board (he is the assistant vice provost for academic affairs at the University of Michigan) and has shown himself willing to ask the difficult questions that need to be asked.

I therefore ask you--my Washtenaw County friends--to vote for Dilip Das and for Bill Milliken for Trustee at Washtenaw Community College, and I ask you to get the word out about our endorsements.

Dilip Das (Appointed to vacant BOT seat in fall 2015)

Campaign website: trusteedas.com

"Students at WCC, like students at most community colleges, suffer from large gaps in course, certificate, and degree completion rates based on income, first-generation college status, race, and ethnicity. I have led the board discussion about what WCC can and will do about closing these persistent gaps, and hope to continue focusing on this issue, if elected." (Dilip Das)

Bill Milliken

Campaign website: billmillikenforwcctrustee.com

"The job of a Trustee is to set policies that enable the faculty and staff to provide our students with the best possible learning environment. With good listening and problem solving skills, and no agenda, I am in an ideal position to do just that. Trustees are also responsible for financial oversight, a task for which running my own business - Ann Arbor-based Milliken Realty Co. - has prepared me well." (Bill Milliken)

MEA Votes

For information about candidates recommended by your fellow MEA members, visit the online voter guide at mea.yourvoter.guide



Board of Trustees Meetings

ML 150, 6pm

<http://www4.wccnet.edu/>

trustees/

November 15, 2016

(Retreat from 4-5pm; regular meeting at 6pm)

December 13, 2016