



## **PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE REAFFIRMATION COMMITTEE**

### **Statement Regarding the Report**

*The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) is responsible for making the final determination on reaffirmation of accreditation based on the findings contained in this committee report, the institution's response to issues contained in the report, other assessments relevant to the review, and application of the Commission's policies and procedures. Final interpretation of the Principles of Accreditation and final action on the accreditation status of the institution rest with SACSCOC Board of Trustees.*

**Name of the Institution:**            **University of South Carolina - Aiken**

**Date of the Review:**                **November 5-6, 2020**

**SACSCOC Staff Member:**        **Dr. Denise Y. Young**

**Chair of the Committee:**           **Dr. William R. Fannin - CHAIR**  
**Professor of Management**  
**The University of Texas Permian Basin**  
**Odessa, TX**

## **Section 10: Educational Policies, Procedures, and Practices**

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- 10.8 The institution publishes policies for evaluating, awarding, and accepting credit not originating from the institution. The institution ensures (a) the academic quality of any credit or coursework recorded on its transcript, (b) an approval process with oversight by persons academically qualified to make the necessary judgments, and (c) the credit awarded is comparable to a designated credit experience and is consistent with the institution's mission.  
*(Evaluating and awarding academic credit)*

### **Compliance**

The Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee's review indicates that the criteria for awarding of credit for transfer, military experience and advanced placement are published in the catalog and on the institution's transfer web site. A maximum of 30 semester hours of non-traditional credit can be applied towards the bachelor's degree and 12 for graduate degrees. College work is not transferable from non-accredited institutions. Oversight of transfer credit is by academically qualified individuals in departments or schools or regulated methods to include AP examinations, experiential experience/military and transfer credit through the Statewide Articulation Agreement for courses approved by the South Carolina Commission on Higher education.

The quality of academic transfer work is reviewed and approved by qualified individuals to ensure credit is comparable to designated credit experience that is consistent with the mission of the institution. Transfer credit review falls under the purview of the Registrar's office and appropriate department/faculty following the AACRAO guidelines. The Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee notes that published guidelines and procedures help guide the faculty in its review of experiential learning credit.