



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
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Section 10: Educational Policies, Procedures, and Practices

- 10.9 The institution ensures the quality and integrity of the work recorded when an institution transcripts courses or credits as its own when offered through a cooperative academic arrangement. The institution maintains formal agreements between the parties involved, and the institution regularly evaluates such agreements.
(Cooperative academic arrangements)

Compliance

The institution maintains one formal cooperative agreement to offer the Master of Education degree in Educational Technology with the University of South Carolina Columbia and regularly evaluates this agreement. This cooperative academic arrangement has been in existence since 2001 and was executed through the same deliberative process used for all academic program approvals.

The institution ensures the program's academic quality through accreditation by the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). The program has also received national recognition from the Association for Educational Communications and Technology. Evidence was presented that a written memorandum of understanding governs the program and that this agreement has been reviewed and updated on multiple occasions.