



## **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 12: Academic and Student Support Services**

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- 12.5 The institution protects the security, confidentiality, and integrity of its student records and maintains security measures to protect and back up data.  
*(Student records)*

### **Compliance**

Following applicable federal, state, and system policies the institution protects the confidentiality, and integrity of student records. Principle student records are maintained through a shared state-system enterprise technology system. The institution provides reference to numerous university and system policies to ensure that information is protected along with the names and title of department specific data stewards for student accounts, admissions, athletics, student affairs, financial aid, and student records. Across the university, digital records are kept on multiple servers and updated and as needed, and paper files such as the those used in counseling, disability services, housing, international student records, and for some files in the Health Center, are kept in locked filing cabinets. In some cases, records are maintained by third party providers. In these cases, all information is password protected and only accessible through applicable professional staff.