



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 13: Financial and Physical Resources

- 13.7 The institution ensures adequate physical facilities and resources, both on and off campus, that appropriately serve the needs of the institution's educational programs, support services, and other mission-related activities.
(*Physical resources*) [Off-Site/On-Site Review]

Compliance

The institution ensures adequate physical facilities and resources, both on- and off-campus, that appropriately serve the needs of the institution's educational programs, support services, and other mission-related activities. Control over physical facilities and resources lies with the Vice Chancellor for Financial and Administration and daily management is the responsibility of the Executive Director of Facilities. Annually, a Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP) is prepared for review by the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration and the Chancellor. The CPIP is a five-year budget plan for new construction and renovation projects. The last Campus Master Plan Update was issued in November 2014 and was an update of the 2008 Campus Master Plan.

The institution's total acreage is 453 acres; the total gross building footage at the institution is 916,886 square feet. There is one historic structure built in 1827 and the rest of the buildings are less than 50 years old. Funding for deferred maintenance had been limited by the state. The 2019 and the 2020 Deferred Maintenance Plans of Deferred Projects were provided by the institution. The legislature recently approved funding to address several deferred maintenance projects, most notably replacement of the HVAC system in the administration building. Two system branch campuses support the institution's programs by offering courses for the institution. Total acreage is 200 acres at these locations.