



## **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 13: Financial and Physical Resources

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- 13.8 The institution takes reasonable steps to provide a healthy, safe, and secure environment for all members of the campus community.  
(*Institutional environment*)

### **Non-Compliance**

The institution supplied thorough and complete documentation evidencing policies, committees, training, publications, and resources to promote and provide a healthy, safe, and secure environment for the campus community.

Responsibility for different aspects of campus health and safety is logical and delineated in institutional policies and procedures. The Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration handles environmental health, campus facilities, security, and safety for the institution's students, faculty, and staff. Several divisions share administrative responsibility for a healthy, safe, and secure campus environment. The academic laboratories are under the direction of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

The institution implemented *e2 Campus*, an emergency system that allows the administration to issue immediate safety-related notifications simultaneously to all registered devices (phones, PDA, etc.) and all email addresses, as well as posting notifications on the institution website. Additionally, the institution has seven Emergency Evacuation Devices.

However, the institution did not address in the Compliance Certification whether it is currently under investigation by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights for any possible violations alleging sexual violence, or whether any investigations were being conducted at the time of the last SACSCOC comprehensive review or have occurred since the last review.