



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 4: Governing Board

4.2 The governing board

- 4.2.a ensures the regular review of the institution's mission.
(*Mission review*)

Compliance

The current institutional mission has been in place since 2017, and a 2019 Board of Trustee Mission Review policy ensures the mission is reviewed at least every four years.

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees approval of changes to the mission statement in 2016, as well as acceptance of the change by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, were included as evidence of the recent institutional mission review mission update.

While the institution provided evidence that the recent mission updates were developed by a campus committee, evidence of this work including a list of members with names and departments or titles, as well as meeting agendas or minutes, would have been helpful as evidence documents.