



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 4: Governing Board

4.2 The governing board

- 4.2.b ensures a clear and appropriate distinction between the policy-making function of the board and the responsibility of the administration and faculty to administer and implement policy.
(Board/administrative distinction)

Compliance

The powers of the University of South Carolina (USC) Board of Trustees are stated in the Code of Laws of South Carolina Section 59-117-40 and Article IV of the Board's Bylaws. The Board appears to have broad powers over higher education institutions in South Carolina but directs the individual Chancellors to implement the policies and goals of the institution.

The role of the administration and faculty in setting and implementing policy are delineated in a number of university level policies, as demonstrated in the institution's Policy on Policies.