



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
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Section 4: Governing Board

4.2 The governing board

- 4.2.e has appropriate and fair processes for the dismissal of a board member.
(Board dismissal)

Compliance

As public officials, members of the USC System Board of Trustees can be removed in accordance with Article XV of the Constitution of South Carolina. For what is termed to be “a serious crime or misconduct in office,” a vote of two-thirds of the House of Representatives is required.

In the case of “willful neglect” or some other cause that warrants removal, but does not meet grounds for impeachment, the governor can remove the trustee with two-thirds support of each house in the South Carolina General Assembly.

The Board of Trustees, in accordance with BTRU 2.03 Removal of a Board of Trustees Member Policy, can initiate the articles of impeachment.