



## **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 5: Administration and Organization**

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- 5.2 The chief executive officer has ultimate responsibility for, and exercises appropriate control over, the following:
- 5.2.a The institution's educational, administrative, and fiscal programs and services.  
*(CEO control)*

### **Compliance**

Evidence in support of Standard 5.2.a is very similar to the evidence used in support of Standard 5.1, which is expected. Evidence includes the USC Senior Administration Organizational Chart, which shows the divisions of Academic Affairs, Advancement and External Affairs, Administration and Finance, Student Affairs, and Information Technology. The organizational chart demonstrates the Chancellor's control over the educational, administrative, and fiscal programs of the institution.

Additional evidence are the minutes from meetings of the Chancellor's Cabinet of March 2019 and January 2020. An abundance of additional evidence in the form of minutes from various meetings, emails, hiring and promotional documents, calendar entries are used to demonstrate compliance.