



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 5: Administration and Organization

5.2 The chief executive officer has ultimate responsibility for, and exercises appropriate control over, the following:

5.2.b The institution's intercollegiate athletics program.
(Control of intercollegiate athletics)

Compliance

The Senior Administration Organizational Chart demonstrates that the athletic director answers to the Chancellor. The Chancellor's CV demonstrates considerable experience serving in leadership positions on NCAA committees and boards. The Chancellor meets monthly with intercollegiate athletics, as demonstrated from agenda of those meetings. Minutes from the Chancellor's cabinet demonstrates that the athletic director raises athletic issues in those meetings.

The Chancellor meets monthly with the athletic director as evidenced in her calendar. The Chancellor's control of intercollegiate athletics is also demonstrated in the institution's Athletic Compliance Manual. Also presented as evidence is a 2019 compliance audit contracted by the Chancellor, which reinforces that the Chancellor has responsibility over intercollegiate athletics.