



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 6: Faculty

- 6.4 The institution publishes and implements appropriate policies and procedures for preserving and protecting academic freedom.
(Academic freedom)

Compliance

The Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee reviewed the Faculty Manual Section 4.1 Instructional Responsibilities, which includes information on academic freedom, and Section 5.9 Faculty Grievance Policy, which demonstrate the institution publishes and implements policies and processes for preserving and protecting academic freedom. The Faculty Manual Section 5.6 Promotion and Tenure Policy provides additional evidence that the institution seeks to preserve and protect academic freedom.

The institution reports no faculty grievances related to academic freedom have been filed to date.