



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 9: Educational Program Structure and Content

- 9.5 At least one-third of the credit hours required for a graduate or a post-baccalaureate professional degree are earned through instruction offered by the institution awarding the degree.
(Institutional credits for a graduate/professional degree)

Compliance

The Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee's review of credits for the graduate degrees offered by the institution found evidence that at least 1/3 credits are earned there. Total credits required for graduate degrees range from 30 to 60 semester credit hours. The university limits the number of transfer/transient credits allowed to 6 or 12 hours based on degree. Adherence to this policy is monitored through students completing a degree application to the Registrar with reviews at the academic advisor, department chair, dean, and Registrar's Office. Examples of transfer credit for three graduate programs were included.