



## **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 10: Educational Policies, Procedures, and Practices**

---

- 10.1 The institution publishes, implements, and disseminates academic policies that adhere to principles of good educational practice and that accurately represent the programs and services of the institution.  
(*Academic policies*)

### **Non-Compliance**

The institution publishes and disseminates academic policies that adhere to principles of good educational practice and that accurately represent the programs and services of the institution. The institution publishes academic policies in the Academic Bulletin, Faculty Manual, and Student Handbook. These resources are available on the university website. The University Policy 1.00-*Policy on Policies* requires that substantially revised policies are distributed to the university community for review and comment before final approval. The University of South Carolina System also publishes system-wide academic policies on the University of South Carolina Policies and Procedures website. Academic policies apply to all students at the institution regardless of the instructional location or delivery mode.

The system-level Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) is comprised of representatives of the administrative divisions, Palmetto College and Comprehensive Universities, Faculty Senate, and General Counsel and includes a student representative. This committee is charged with determining if policies are necessary; aligned with institutional mission, goals, and priorities; and that policies are concise, consistent in format and scope, and easy to understand. The PAC also identifies constituencies and other policies that may be affected by the change and helps disseminate and share feedback regarding policies.

The Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee could not find any documentation to support that the institution implements and enforces academic policies or that the Faculty Assembly or other faculty committees recommend new or modified academic policies.