

Substantive Change Cover Sheet

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Substantive Change, 1866
Southern Lane, Decatur, GA
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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

INSTITUTION (NO ABBREVIATIONS PLEASE)

CITY + STATE/PROVINCE

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RESTRICTION

1. Is the institution currently on Warning, Probation, or Probation for Good Cause?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
2. Was the institution placed on Warning, Probation, or Probation for Good Cause on or after September 3, 2020, and subsequently removed from sanction?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
3. Is the institution currently under provisional certification for participation in federal financial aid programs?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
If ANY are "Yes" the institution is on SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RESTRICTION . Additional and/or different requirements may apply; consult policy.		

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE TYPE (SELECT FROM DROP-DOWN LIST; SUBMIT ONLY TYPES DEFINED IN POLICY)

SUBMISSION DATE

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE DESCRIPTION (BRIEF SUMMARY)

INTENDED IMPLEMENTATION

OFF-CAMPUS INSTRUCTIONAL SITES SUBMITTED IN THIS SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE

Site Name, Physical Address, City, State/Province, ZIP or Postal Code, and Country/Territory

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	There are more than 5 sites in this submission→ <input type="radio"/>

PROGRAMS SUBMITTED IN THIS SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE

Include credential AND discipline: e.g., Associate of Arts in English, Bachelor of Science in Physics, Certificate in Office Management, etc.

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	There are more than 5 programs in submission→ <input type="radio"/>

SUBMITTED

I certify the information on this form is correct and accurately represents the current status of the institution at the time of submission.

SUBMITTING LIAISON or CEO NAME

EMAIL ADDRESS

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October 13, 2023

Dr. Kevin Sightler, Director of Substantive Change
Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Sightler,

The University of South Carolina Aiken has created a 23-credit hour undergraduate Certificate in Data Science. Originating in our Mathematical Sciences department, this computer science program is to be delivered blended/hybrid with 50% or more of the program delivered online. The institution was approved for distance education by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges in July of 2010. Ten of the 23 credits for this certificate program (i.e., 43%) originates from three new courses not previously offered by the institution at the baccalaureate instructional level. We intend to initiate the Certificate in Data Science program at the start of our Fall term's second eight-week session scheduled to begin October 23, 2023. The program was approved by the University of South Carolina's Board of Trustees on June 23, 2023, and by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education on September 7, 2023.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lloyd A. Dawe".

Lloyd A. Dawe, PhD
Institutional Accreditation Liaison

Cc: Dr. Thayer McGahee, Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Mrs. Nicole Spensley, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Research & Compliance

Enclosure