

**EXCERPT FROM THE 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 - Columbia**

**Date of the Review:**                **November 3-4, 2020**

**SACSCOC Staff Member:**        **Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover**

**Chair of the Committee:**         **Dr. Timothy S. Brophy**  
**Director, Institutional Assessment**  
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## 10.5 Admissions Policies and Practices

- 10.5 The institution publishes admissions policies consistent with its mission. Recruitment materials and presentations accurately represent the practices, policies, and accreditation status of the institution. The institution also ensures that independent contractors or agents used for recruiting purposes and for admission activities are governed by the same principles and policies as institutional employees.

*(Admissions policies and practices)* **[Off-Site/On-Site Review]**

### **Compliance**

The Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee found support for the institution's case for compliance.

The institution maintains published admissions policies for its various campuses, degree levels, colleges, and academic programs. Senior administrators, under the direction and support of the admissions committee, guide undergraduate admission decisions. A similar framework is used for graduate and professional school admission decisions. The university partners with agents for international student recruitment with pre-established institutional admissions criteria to ensure students are academically prepared. The admissions staff, along with the Office of Communications and Public Affairs and other selected departmental representatives, annually review and produce recruitment material. The admissions staff have procedures in place to manage accurate online and campus presentations. Two or three rounds of material reviewed by multiple people occurs to ensure accuracy of recruitment materials. The institution provided policies, admissions publication, and videos, along with example committee reports.