

**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**

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14.3 Comprehensive Institutional Reviews

- 14.3 The institution applies all appropriate standards and policies to its distance learning programs, branch campuses, and off-campus instructional sites.
(*Comprehensive institutional reviews*) [**Off-Site/On-Site Review**]

Compliance

The institution has provided clarifying statements related to each standard in response to Standard 14.3. The institution's responses to each standard have information regarding the Palmetto College campuses, off-campus sites, and distance learning woven throughout the respective narratives. This documentation throughout the Compliance Certification, cross referenced in the institution's response to Standard 14.3, illustrates a systemic attention to general standards and policies as far as they relate to distance education and the Palmetto College campuses. Because the institution's case for compliance with this Standard depends upon the institution's documentation provided under other Standards, it may be helpful to the institution to update their response to this Standard as well in their Focused Report as many of the related Standards throughout the Compliance Certification included information that could be verified.