

**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**
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Institutional Mission

- 2.1 **The institution has a clearly defined, comprehensive, and published mission specific to the institution and appropriate for higher education. The mission addresses teaching and learning and, where applicable, research and public service.**

(Institutional mission) [CR]

Compliance

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

The institution provided documentation that its mission is clearly defined, comprehensive, and published. The current mission statement was reviewed and approved by the University Board of Trustees on October 11, 2019, and approved by the Commissioner of Higher Education December 5, 2019. According to board policy, the Board of Trustees must review and update as needed the missions for the system and each component campus unit at least once every four years. The missions for the institution are scheduled for review again in 2023. The South Carolina code indicates that each regional campus must also have mission statements that are comprehensive, clear, and published. Evidence was provided that each regional campus has comprehensive, clear, and published mission statements. Each of the regional campuses mission statements were also approved by the Board of Trustees October 11, 2019, and by the Commissioner of Higher Education December 5, 2019.