

**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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3.1.a

Degree-granting Authority

3.1 An institution seeking to gain or maintain accredited status

3.1.a has degree-granting authority from the appropriate government agency or agencies.

(Degree-granting authority) [CR]

Compliance

The University of South Carolina Columbia is the flagship campus in the University of South Carolina (USC) system as described in South Carolina Code of Law, Title 59, Chapter 103, Section 59-103-35. The institution and its Palmetto branch campuses (Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter, and Union) and have degree-granting authority from the appropriate government agencies, which are the South Carolina Legislature and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (SC CHE).

The Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee reviewed the institution's program inventory and documentation of its authorizations to grant bachelor, master's, professional, and doctoral degrees and for its branch campuses to offer the associate degree. The institution provided documentation of its Memorandum of Understanding with NC-SARA for authorization for out-of-state students in online programs.