

**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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## 4.2.a

### Mission Review

#### 4.2 The governing board

- 4.2.a ensures the regular review of the institution's mission.  
(*Mission review*)

### Compliance

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

The institution's mission statement is clearly defined and comprehensive by stating that its primary mission is to educate the "state's citizens through teaching, research, creative activity, and community engagement." Additionally, the four regional campuses define their mission as providing "higher education and intellectual leadership for its service area." The provided evidence that the mission statements are published on the institution's web page, Office of Institutional Research, Assessment, and Analytics website, and in the institution's bulletin.

The Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee reviewed the mission statement for the institution and each regional campus and determined that the Board of Trustees reviews and approves each mission statement. The mission statement was last approved on October 11, 2019, by the Board and December 5, 2019, by the Commission of Higher Education.