

**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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CEO Control

5.2 The chief executive officer has ultimate responsibility for, and exercises appropriate control over, the following:

5.2.a The institution's educational, administrative, and fiscal programs and services.
(*CEO control*)

Compliance

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

The institution's chief executive officer exercises control over the educational, administrative, and fiscal programs and services. Campus governance is outlined via organization charts that are annually updated and consistent with institutional policy and rule. The president bears responsibility for the development and implementation of policies relating to administering the various divisions and departments of the institution; keeping expenditures in harmony with the budgetary authorizations of the Board of Trustees; shaping the educational policy and academic standards of the institution; selecting and recommending all employees and faculty members for the institution; and maintaining appropriate standards of conduct of students.

As outlined in Board Bylaws Article XII Sections 1 and 2, the president develops and administers policies, rules and regulations for the governance of the institution as well as the system such that: "The President of the University shall be the chief executive officer of the University System and shall exercise such executive powers as are necessary for its appropriate governance under the authority of the Board. He shall be the primary spokesperson for the institution to the alumni of the institution, the news media, the educational world, and the public. He shall administer University policies as promulgated by the Board, speak for the University as its chief executive officer, and coordinate all activities of each campus of the institution directly or through his designated representatives. The President shall report directly to the Board the current affairs of all components of the University System and shall discuss with the Board basic issues, new or alternative directions, and recommendations on new policies. He shall direct, coordinate and implement the planning, development, and appraisal of all activities of the University System and shall be directly responsible to the Board for its operation." Documentation was provided via copies of Executive Council meeting minutes, copies of the president's calendar, as well as COVID-19 operational strategies in support of the institution's case for compliance with this standard.