

**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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## **8.2.c Student Outcomes: Academic and Student Services**

- 8.2.c. Academic and student services that support student success.  
(*Student outcomes: academic and student services*)

### **Compliance**

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

The institution's assessment process for academic and student support services is its Blueprint for Service Excellence. The institution provided a username and password to access a link to Blueprint Resource Documents. When the resource is opened, there is a list of links to multiple annual reports provided by Student Affairs, Student Success Center, and University 101. Once the Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee accessed these reports, they revealed evidence of outcomes, measurements, and evidence of seeking improvement.

The content of these reports is substantial. Each area reports its mission, vision, values statement, goals and intended outcomes, resources utilized, plans for continuation, and evidence of implementation of the outcomes through measures such as usage data and performance reports. The institution's narrative provides detailed excerpts from reports submitted by Fraternity and Sorority Life, the Student Success Center, University 101, Substance Abuse Prevention Education, and the Career Center for the main campus that includes the intended outcomes, the measures used to assess the outcome, results of the measures, and use of the data for seeking improvement. The institution also provided extensive detail as well as documentation of the outcomes, their measurement, and evidence of seeking improvement by the student academic and services administrative units at the Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter, and Union campuses.