



August 19, 2019



Mr. John C. von Lehe
Chairman
Board of Trustees
University of South Carolina - Columbia
Columbia, SC 29208

Dear Mr. Lehe:

Thank you for your response dated July 30, 2019, to my letter requesting that USC-Columbia address concerns raised through unsolicited information received by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). During the recent Presidential Candidate Search process questions arose regarding possible non-compliance with one of the SACSCOC *Principles of Accreditation (Principles)*, in particular Standard 4.2.f (External influence).

I have reviewed your response and request additional information to clarify actions of the USC-Columbia Board of Trustees (Board) in the search process. Please provide a detailed timeline of the activities of the Board in this matter, as well as any formal Charge that was given to the Presidential Candidate Search Committee by you or others, describing how the committee was to review materials and conduct its deliberations. In addition, please provide copies of meeting minutes of the Search Committee and any additional information that the institution believes supports the institution's statement of compliance with the above-referenced *Principle* during the recent Presidential Search process at USC-Columbia. Please respond by September 25, 2019.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 404-994-6607.

Sincerely,

Linda Thomas-Glover, Ph.D.
SACSCOC, Vice President

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cc: Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President, SACSCOC
Mr. Robert L. "Bob" Caslen Jr., President, USC-Columbia