

**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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11.3 Library and Learning/Information Access

- 11.3 The institution provides (a) student and faculty access and user privileges to its library services and (b) access to regular and timely instruction in the use of the library and other learning/information resources.
(Library and learning/information access)

Compliance

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

The Libraries provides adequate access and user privileges. Additionally, the Libraries provides its faculty and students with access to regular and timely library and learning resources instruction. Access and privileges are provided both online and in person. The Libraries maintain a plethora of electronic tools to manage and provide access to its collections and services. Its staff provides knowledgeable support for and access to its collections and services. The main and branch libraries maintain adequate hours for student and faculty access. Online access is available 24/7. Circulation duration for physical materials is adequate. The Libraries provide instruction through its "Liaison" program, whereby a librarian is assigned to every academic unit to provide formal and informal instruction as well as to provide overall research and reference support. The instructional services are in line with the national standard for library instruction and outreach as outlined in the Association of College and Research Libraries Framework for Information Literacy in Higher Education. Digital communication and outreach are provided through online newsletters and other tools to provide current information on library resources. The Libraries is a partner in important campus outreach programs, such as "University 101," South Carolina's first year experience program.