

**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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Chief Executive Officer

- 5.1 **The institution has a chief executive officer whose primary responsibility is to the institution.**

(Chief executive officer) [CR]

Compliance

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

The chief executive officer of the institution is a president who is charged by the Board of Trustees with responsibilities for the administration of the institution's divisions and departments, the management of the financial resources, the shaping of educational policy and academic standards at the institution, recommending the hiring of all staff and faculty, and managing the appropriate conduct of students (Board Bylaws, Article XII Sections 1 and 2). Furthermore, the president's duties are clearly indicated as they pertain to oversight of institutional planning, policy, budget, personnel appointments, management of business affairs and physical property, and external affairs. In addition to these responsibilities and as outlined in Article I Section 4 of the Board Bylaws, the position of the President of the University System shall oversee the office and duties of the respective campus chancellors. Furthermore, each regional Palmetto College campus shall be administered by a Campus Dean who shall report to the Chancellor of Palmetto College who in turn reports to the President.