

**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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**Director, Institutional Assessment**  
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**5.2.b**

**Control of Intercollegiate Athletics**

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

5.2.b The institution's intercollegiate athletics program.  
*(Control of intercollegiate athletics)*

**Compliance**

The chief executive officer supervises the Director of Athletics, exercises fiscal control over the institution's intercollegiate athletics program, and is responsible for final approval of the yearly budget for athletics. The institution is managed and controlled by the institution's Board of Trustees, which is a statutorily created governing board. This governing board stipulates in its Policies and Bylaws document that programs of intercollegiate athletics shall be under the complete control of the president, subject to the oversight of the Board. The institution provides sufficient documentation of the president's administrative control over the institution's intercollegiate athletics program.