

**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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6.2.c Program Coordination

- 6.2.c Assigns appropriate responsibility for program coordination.
(*Program coordination*) [Off-Site/On-Site Review]

Compliance

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

The Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee reviewed documentation of the institution's program coordination policies, procedures, supporting forms, and a comprehensive list of program coordinator qualifications. The institution's academic program coordinators are appointed full-time faculty members qualified in the appropriate field, or the chair/director of the department/school and approved by the college dean to ensure that the program contains essential curricular components, has appropriate content and pedagogy, and reflects decisions of the program's faculty. All program coordinators possess appropriate faculty credentials and are qualified in fields appropriate to the area of coordination. The content, quality, and effectiveness of the curriculum rests with the faculty. Program oversight is complemented by faculty curriculum committees and other review groups that provide governance and oversight at the department/school, college, and institutional levels. The process of curriculum development and review is governed by ACAF 2.00 Creation and Revision of Academic Programs, and ACAF 2.03 Creation and Revision of Academic Courses, and the Academic Program Liaison (APL) Committee, comprising representatives from each of the colleges, schools, and comprehensive campuses of the institution, has served as an additional level of quality control on program coordination.