

## 4.2.a

### Mission Review

The governing board:

- a. ensures the regular review of the institution's mission.

### Judgment

Compliant  Non-Compliant  Not Applicable

### Narrative

The University of South Carolina Columbia has a mission statement that is clearly defined and describes the distinctiveness of the institution and its role in higher education relative to teaching and learning, research, and service. The mission statement is published in the [About the University web page](#), Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Analytics [Website](#), as well as in the [Columbia Bulletin](#) in the *University* section. The mission is also described in detail in [Standard 2.1 \(Institutional Mission\)](#).

Board Policy [BTRU 1.02 Mission Statements](#) was approved by the Board of Trustees in October 2019. [BTRU 1.02 Mission Statements](#) outlines that the Board of Trustees must review and update as needed the missions for the system and component campus units at least once every four years. The University of South Carolina intends to create and maintain an environment that ensures mission statements for the system and all system campuses are accurate, up-to-date and reflect teaching, learning, research (where applicable) and community engagement/service. The university Board of Trustees may initiate or request review of any mission statement at any time. The Office of Institutional Research, Assessment, and Analytics (OIRAA) will monitor the review schedule and notify the Board of Trustees and the respective chief academic officer if the mission statement needs review within the next 12 months based on the most recent approval or if requirements from either SACSCOC or the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (SC CHE) have changed. If the Board of Trustees requests, OIRAA will coordinate review and revision of mission statements for the system, Columbia campus and regional Palmetto College campuses.

### Mission Statement Approval and Review

University of South Carolina Columbia's current mission statement was reviewed and approved by the University of Board of Trustees on [October 11, 2019](#). The mission statement was approved by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (SC CHE) on [December 5, 2019](#) (letter dated December 16, 2019). Prior to October 11, 2019; the Board reviewed and revised the mission statement on [July 23, 2010](#). In compliance with Board Policy [BTRU 1.02 Mission Statements](#), the Board of Trustees is scheduled to review the University of South Carolina Columbia mission statement again in 2023.

### Regional Palmetto College Campuses

Each of the regional Palmetto College campuses (Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter, Union) also provide comprehensive, clear, and published mission statements. The primary mission of the regional campuses is to provide higher education and intellectual leadership to their service areas. Service to the community generally involves continuing education, workshops, and cultural events. The impact of each campus on higher education in South Carolina is specified by the region of the State served by each campus.

### Lancaster

The University of South Carolina Lancaster mission statement is published in the [About the University web page](#), Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Analytics [Website](#), as well as in the [Lancaster Bulletin](#) in the *University* section.

#### *Mission Statement Approval and Review*

Lancaster's current mission statement was reviewed and approved by the University of Board of Trustees on [October 11, 2019](#). The mission statement was approved by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education on [December 5, 2019](#) (letter dated December 16, 2019). Prior to October 11, 2019; the Board reviewed and revised the mission statement on [July 23, 2010](#). In compliance with Board Policy [BTRU 1.02 Mission Statements](#), the Board of Trustees is scheduled to review the Lancaster mission statement again in 2023.

### Salkehatchie

The University of South Carolina Salkehatchie mission statement is published in the [About the University web page](#), Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Analytics [Website](#), as well as in the [Salkehatchie Bulletin](#) in the *University* section.

#### *Mission Statement Approval and Review*

Salkehatchie's current mission statement was reviewed and approved by the University of Board of Trustees on [October 11, 2019](#). The mission statement was approved by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education on [December 5, 2019](#) (letter dated December 16, 2019). Prior to October 11, 2019; the Board reviewed and revised the mission statement on [July 23, 2010](#). In compliance with Board Policy [BTRU 1.02 Mission Statements](#), the Board of Trustees is scheduled to review the Salkehatchie mission statement again in 2023.

### **Sumter**

The University of South Carolina Sumter mission statement is published in the [About the University web page](#), Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Analytics [Website](#), as well as in the [Sumter Bulletin](#) in the *University* section.

#### *Mission Statement Approval and Review*

Sumter's current mission statement was reviewed and approved by the University of Board of Trustees on [October 11, 2019](#). The mission statement was approved by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education on [December 5, 2019](#) (letter dated December 16, 2019). Prior to October 11, 2019; the Board reviewed and revised the mission statement on [July 23, 2010](#). In compliance with Board Policy [BTRU 1.02 Mission Statements](#), the Board of Trustees is scheduled to review the Sumter mission statement again in 2023.




### **Union**

The University of South Carolina Union mission statement is published in the [About the University web page](#), Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Analytics [Website](#), as well as in the [Union Bulletin](#) in the *University* section.

#### *Mission Statement Approval and Review*

Union's current mission statement was reviewed and approved by the University of Board of Trustees on [October 11, 2019](#). The mission statement was approved by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education on [December 5, 2019](#) (letter dated December 16, 2019). Prior to October 11, 2019; the Board reviewed and revised the mission statement on [July 23, 2010](#). In compliance with Board Policy [BTRU 1.02 Mission Statements](#), the Board of Trustees is scheduled to review the Union mission statement again in 2023.

### **Sources**

-  [BTRU 1.02 Mission Statements](#)
-  [Code of Laws - Title 59 - Chapter 103 - State Commission On Higher Education](#)
-  [EG Committee Meeting October 11 2019](#)
-  [July 23 2010 BOT Meeting Minutes](#)
-  [SC CHE to USC Columbia Mission Statement Approval Letter December 16 2019](#)
-  [SC CHE to USC Lancaster Mission Statement Approval Letter December 16 2019](#)
-  [SC CHE to USC Salkehatchie Mission Statement Approval Letter December 16 2019](#)
-  [SC CHE to USC Sumter Mission Statement Approval Letter December 16 2019](#)
-  [SC CHE to USC System Mission Statement Approval Letter December 16 2019](#)
-  [SC CHE to USC Union Mission Statement Approval Letter December 16 2019](#)
-  [Standard 2.1](#)
-  [USC Campus Mission Statements](#)
-  [USC Columbia About the University Mission Statement](#)
-  [USC Columbia Bulletin Mission](#)
-  [USC Lancaster About the University Mission Statement](#)
-  [USC Lancaster Bulletin](#)
-  [USC Salkehatchie About the University Mission Statement](#)

-  USC Salkehatchie Bulletin
-  USC Sumter About the University Mission Statement
-  USC Sumter Bulletin
-  USC Union About the University Mission Statement
-  USC Union Bulletin