

Public Memo

Date: 8/7/17

Re: KUAC Financial Challenges

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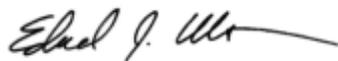
As you can see from the press release posted on the [KUAC website last week](#) and from our own [coverage](#), our colleagues in Fairbanks are wrestling with major financial challenges due in large part to ongoing university budget cuts and past state funding cuts.

First, the Alaska Public Media Leadership Team sends regards and support to our fine KUAC public media colleagues. We know well and appreciate the challenges KUAC staff face. Second, we share this memo to inform you about the activities in which Alaska Public Media will engage over the next month focused on ensuring that KUAC and their fine journalism staff can continue to serve their audiences while contributing to and participating in the only statewide radio news service in Alaska. Additionally, we look to continue to provide sponsorship coverage in Fairbanks to statewide underwriters.

The primary goal will be to ensure Alaska Public Media and our statewide public radio partners continue to provide statewide news coverage. We also hope to continue providing Alaska News Nightly, Talk of Alaska, Morning News, the Economic Report, and Alaska's Energy Desk to Fairbanks and central Alaska audiences. That means, at a minimum, keeping KUAC as a reporter partner in the statewide news network. Over the next month, both general managers plan to review all options for the good of the statewide news network. We already agree in principle on several options that ensure Alaskans would receive news from KUAC reporters on their local public radio station. We will also pursue other funding options. For example, Keith Martin, KUAC general manager and I have scheduled a call with the Corporation for Public Broadcasting later this week.

We plan to keep you updated throughout this process. Leadership from KUAC and Alaska Public Media are committed to working collaboratively to find a solution that would support the quality public media journalism audiences have come to expect. We hope to find a resolution well before September 1, 2017.

Always my best,



Edward J. Ulman
CEO & General Manager