

TRINITY UNIVERSITY 3 PLANNING PROJECTS - 2008, 2013, 2016

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TRINITY UNIVERSITY

San Antonio, TX

Trinity University is a private, liberal arts institution serving primarily undergraduates. Its academic programs in the arts and sciences include pre-professional and professional fields to provide broad and intensive educational opportunities. The University has a diverse enrollment of 2,400 students. We were asked in 2008 to help the University understand the needs of the sciences and engineering prior to engaging an architect. In 2013 we were engaged to help the University understand what a 21st century university library should be. In 2016, we were engaged to explore the renovation of two buildings for the School of Business, the Humanities, and the Social Sciences.

THE CENTER FOR THE SCIENCES AND INNOVATION

DLM worked with a Planning Committee, engaging all science and engineering faculty to assess existing space and its utilization, develop a mission and aspirations for the sciences, and develop a plan for the future. The concept of "interdisciplinary clusters" was developed and delineated and is at the heart of the planning process. Several plans for the sciences were developed, all of which include a combination of renovated and new space. The plan includes interdisciplinary teaching and research space and addresses the education of the non-science major. It will both strengthen departments and foster collaboration across the sciences, while making Trinity sciences competitive with peer institutions. The new and renovated facility was completed in 2014.



COATES LIBRARY

Through a series of interviews with Trinity constituents and meetings with the project Planning Committee, library needs and aspirations were articulated. DLM then quantified the various University and library elements and incorporated them into several concept plans that considered current and future library uses. With the active participation of the Planning Committee and Trinity constituents, DLM synthesized and refined a variety of concept plans to satisfy 21st century library needs. Adjusting the current net assignable square footage (NASF) to guidelines, and including NASF projections, the overall projected space requirement for all library spaces remains although a consolidation and reduction of volumes was required to allow more student collaboration space.



THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, THE HUMANITIES, AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Trinity University intends to improve space for the School of Business, the departments of Economics and Health Care Administration and for five humanities departments: Classics, English, History, Philosophy, and Religion—as well as for the Center for International Engagement. All are located in three existing buildings: Chapman Center, Halsell Center, and Northrup Hall. Both Chapman and Halsell are examples of an architecturally simple design by O'Neal Ford, the architect of many Trinity University buildings as well as the designer for the University's first master plan.

Trinity University targeted a project cost of \$55,000,000 for the renovation and construction of the facilities that will meet the needs of these departments. The \$55 million project cost translates into a target of 76,000 net assignable square feet (NASF) in a combination of new and renovated space, we worked with the faculty to create a solution that truly supports their curriculum and future growth consistent with the University's strategic vision and goals. Currently, the buildings are in the first stage of design.



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