Alumni Center

Program Need:
The program accommodates meeting space, and event venues for the growing Alumni Association. Flexible events and reception space also provides reception, exhibits space and general information for alumni, prospective students and families.

The program includes event, reception, café, and exhibit space and ancillary meeting space in an attached meeting pavilion. The project also provides space for tented events and exterior terrace area. Onsite parking will be provided and funded separately.

Project Scope:
The project will include two structures:

1. Renovated “Forlines” Building at 615 Chapel Drive. The building was occupied by News and Communications. The later addition will be demolished and the original building will be restored and reassigned to Alumni Association. Approximately 7,400 GSF will be renovated for administrative office, office support, and meeting rooms.

2. Events Building and attached Meeting Pavilion – a new 20,200 GSF events building with events space, restrooms, catering kitchen, storage, and visitor’s support including reception, exhibit and café, plus a new 2,260 GSF dedicated meeting space. The events building will serve as a gateway for alumni, prospective students and visitors. General and historical information will be available as well as campus wayfinding and information. The attached, but discreet meeting pavilion will accommodate a variety of meeting arrangements in a single story.

The project has been master planned to allow for a future 16,900 GSF, two story office building to accommodate 58 full time staff but is not included in this current phase of construction.

Architecture & Engineering:
The architecture responds to the residential scale of the campus periphery as established by the Horace Trumbauer residences and the forested campus character by creating a grouping of buildings. The architecture and materials are complimentary to the historic fabric, but deliberately not a replication of adjacent buildings.

Site/Location:
The site is on the former location of the Duke Office of News and Communications, at 615 Chapel Drive.

Sustainability:
It is recommended that this project not seek LEED certification due to the complexities of multiple buildings fed from a central mechanical, electrical and plumbing hub. However, appropriate sustainable practices will be followed in terms of material design and construction. The energy forecast for this building is 52 kbtu/gsf/yr.