Interdepartmental Majors

The proposal is to add the following to the section on IDMs in the Undergraduate Bulletin:

The Directors of Undergraduate Studies in two Trinity College departments or programs that offer a major may also propose an interdepartmental major (IDM). The proposed IDM will define a course of study covering core features of each discipline, such as theory, methodology, and research techniques. The criteria are the same as those criteria for student-proposed IDMs above. The directors of undergraduate studies in the two departments must agree to the required courses and elective options necessary for completing the IDM.

Departments proposing an interdepartmental major must present a descriptive title for the major and a rationale for how the program of study fits into the educational mission of Trinity College of Arts & Sciences and the University. IDM proposals should be submitted to the Dean for Curriculum and will be evaluated to ensure that the proposal (1) meets the requirements stated above and (2) does not substantially duplicate an existing major.

Trinity College will publish the requirements for approved department-proposed IDMs to the website and provide similar support for monitoring completion of requirements as other established majors. The IDM will be time-limited to 5 years, after which time, the IDM will be sunset or can be proposed as a permanent new interdisciplinary major.