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| Architectural NarrativeThe design for the re-imagined Breezeway creates a new and dynamic primary point of arrival, while serving as a new hub of activity for the campus. The design calls for the infilling of the current garden area directly south of the Breezeway space to create an expanded raised plaza area, not dissimilar from that at Lincoln Center. This creates a more comfortable and differentiated activity zone that recognizes that students generally prefer to be on the elevated platform areas as opposed to street level, while enabling a grander arrival sequence to the campus. The Breezeway space itself would be enclosed with an operable glazed wall system that allows the multi-use interior space to be connected with a highly flexible exterior space. The introduction of an elegant canopy (which conceals the catwalk space) allows the exterior spaces to be used in wet weather, while also providing for a retractable veil that creates a dynamic central event space. The new curtain walls between the existing lobby spaces and the Breezeway will incorporate new automatic doors with air curtains and a heated radiant floor slab, allowing the elimination of existing vestibules and the use of the breezeway space opened onto the plaza during the spring and fall. New entry pavilions provide security control than can remain in use even when there are special events. Additional sustainable features include: green roofs, a living wall within the Breezeway space, and controlled, ample daylight.  |