Student Assembly Meeting
November 10, 2014

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     ○ formal complaint process through the school takes place in up to 60 days; both complainant and respondent have advisors through the process
     ○ investigation occurs and the Investigation Team finds witnesses and other relevant information regarding the alleged incident; each party can review all the collected materials and has seven days to respond (this has replaced the hearing, which was part of the old HSMB process)
     ○ once the investigation is concluded, Meredith receives a final report with a preliminary determination on the more-likely-than-not standard of whether Hamilton’s sexual misconduct policy was violated
     ○ the HSMB review all materials and make a final determination about whether the policy was violated and make a recommendation for a sanction if respondent is found responsible
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