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A hearing to determine whether a freshman at the University of Pennsylvania who yelled "water buffalo" at a group of black women was guilty of racial harassment will take place this academic year, after all.

The university had decided to delay the judicial hearing, originally scheduled for late April, until the fall. The initial explanation was that the black students' adviser had been unable to attend on the day scheduled. There was some speculation, however, that Penn officials were embarrassed by the bad publicity about the case. Penn's president, Sheldon Hackney, is awaiting confirmation as chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Officials did not explain why the hearing date had been moved up.