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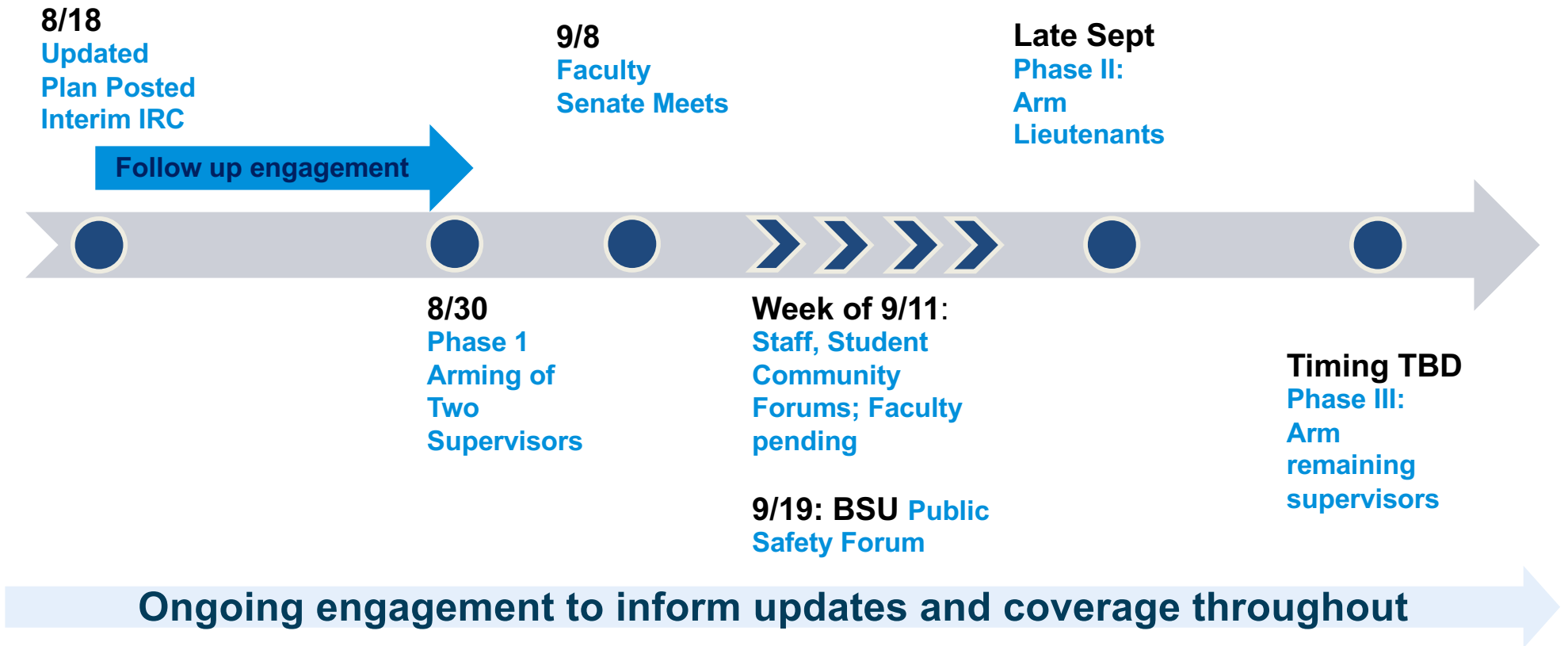
# **GWPD Hybrid Arming Implementation Plan**

**EVP/CAO Sharon Reich Paulsen  
GWPD Chief James D. Tate**

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# Sequencing and Key Points in Time



# Independent Review Committee

*Finalized with community concerns incorporated*

- Interim Committee Appointed and Trained: includes faculty, staff, and student appointees
- Charged with reviewing all instances of use of force with a firearm by GWPD supervisors
- Permanent IRC application process to get underway in coming weeks

# Continued, Expanded GW Community Engagement

- **GWPD Events and Engagements** ongoing calendar of student events and programming, **to include community forums**
- **Continued Engagement** Campus and DC Partners throughout
- **Campus Safety Advisory Committee Planning**



# Key Updates, Resources and Information

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## Enhancing Public Safety

The safety and security of our students, faculty, and staff remains a critical priority. In recent years, the university has made considerable progress in strengthening public safety through improvements to areas such as access control, emergency notifications, and the continuing evolution of the GW Police Department.

In April, the university [announced](#) that it would begin planning to arm GWPD supervisors. Arming is an important part of a comprehensive public safety plan in part because of rising gun violence nationally and the need for GW supervisory officers—who are most familiar with GW's campuses, community and culture—to respond to life-threatening emergencies. This is particularly crucial in the university's densely populated setting and during incidents when response time is critical.

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## University to Implement First Phase of GWPD Arming Plan, Continues to Seek Community Feedback

*As part of a comprehensive approach to public safety, a multi-phase process will begin with arming top two GWPD officials.*



"It's critical that we continue our ongoing engagement with our students, faculty, staff and neighbors so that we account for the varying perspectives of our diverse stakeholders moving forward."

**James Tate**  
Chief of Police, GWPD

### Share Your Feedback

We are seeking feedback and perspectives from our community about ways we can improve. Please provide your feedback via the form below.

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***Hearing community concerns? Please reach out to us.***

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