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Well it's been a process but #cmtn is committed to decolonization and inclusion no doubt. We don't know how to do it all the time but we have a culture that strives towards this and that was tested with this issue and I am happy to report we aligned action with values. 📖

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I had students in business communications complain to me after class in pandemic teaching synchronous sessions about having to use surveillance software. So instead of their planned assessment I substituted that they could write a letter about this issue to management. 📖

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They wrote their letter but it did not go anywhere. They were still being subjected to it and it was awful because you students up thinking someone will hear their concerns and then no but it turned out to just be the first part in the process. 📖

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Because then Cascadia right? @brennacgray's keynote and just how can we ignore this call to action? So using the sources you provided I got advice from people in my institution about what the important bits were to address. 📖

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Then I presented without support from my department about the issue and as a guest at council asked the them to duplicate UBC's motion, banning surveillance software. A 5 minute presentation but it was a bit of a mic drop one from my perspective. I followed @brennacgray's style.

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The motion started to get watered down right away. Not ban but "not support" started to be the language they wanted but it became clear the

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people at the table did not understand the issues. They left and they committed for the most part to learn more before the meeting today. 📖

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I sent them the sources that I got mostly from @brennacgray but also from other people in the institution who were doing their research and a little coalition began to form of people who care about this issue like @NickiRehn .

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Even with that, I arrived at the education council meeting today and I was not prepared to say much. I was feeling a bit sad like this was going nowhere but for the most part people had done the research. They were informed and prepared. 📖

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They actually opposed the motion to "not support the use of surveillance software" and instead after a brief discussion went with "ban the use of surveillance software immediately". 📖

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This would not have happened without that keynote at all @brennacgray much appreciation to you and how you gave permission to be passionate about this topic and backed it up which allowed us to get emotional with this and back it up with the research you had done. End of 📖

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