Consultation Reflections on "Transgender Women in the Athletic World"

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Consultation Reflections

Corvus Endo  Writer
This paper was originally written for my Writing 101: Power, Ethics and Justice class with Professor Chris Crews (W101-23). I have always loved writing since I was very young, but I unfortunately have not learned any grammar skills. In high school I took AP English Literature which was the only difficult English course I took. Since coming to Denison, my writing skills have improved exponentially and I think it can only improve from here. The paper I am submitting for Prologue is my first-ever research paper which is thrilling. Because it was my first research paper, however, this was a very difficult undertaking. I was concussed when the first two drafts were due so I gave an incredibly barebones outline for the submission of the first draft and added the first few paragraphs on the submission of the second draft. I had to get help from my professor to complete the minimum requirement for scientific articles, but that was mainly due to the topic being niche and scarce in research articles. I procrastinated finishing this research paper until midnight the day before it was due. I wrote for 7 hours straight, sent it to a friend for revisions before going to sleep, woke up a few hours later, edited the paper, and then finally submitted it.

My experience with consultation, revision, and editing with my advisor Tenzin Kunga was phenomenal. I believe my original paper was strong in that I covered all of my bases and ensured the scientific articles I used were relevant to the topic and the thesis I had written. The time crunch I had imposed upon myself was the ultimate weakness, and I think I could have been more thorough in my commentary. Tenzin was fantastic. She complimented my strengths in the paper and pointed out my weaknesses with suggestions on how to improve it. Tenzin herself is a very persuasive person and writer and suggested very strong edits that have helped me polish my paper. She was very supportive, warm, and encouraging throughout the entire writing process. Since I am open to advice and suggestions, revision is always an easy process for me. Tenzin made it even easier with her kindness and her strong skills in writing.

Tenzin Kunga  Writing Center Consultant
During my consultation with Corvus, we focused mainly on refining the clarity and depth of the arguments presented in his paper titled "Transgender Women in the Athletic World." My favorite parts of the consultation were working through general modifications to phraseology together- Corvus and I are very similar in our enthusiasm for “satisfying” word/sentence combinations, so we had a lot of fun brainstorming creative synonyms and phrases together. He’s also just an incredibly strong writer and is open to any and all suggestions, so it was really gratifying to his ideas crystallize into even more polished and persuasive arguments as our session progressed. By engaging in a collaborative dialogue that encouraged Corvus to explore alternative phrasings and refine his arguments, we upheld the center's commitment to developing critical thinking and effective communication skills.