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Self Reflection Paper

The organizational goal I set for the semester was to work on the structure of my outlines and speeches. I wanted to organize them in an eloquent pattern to help my speech flow in a more natural way. I was very satisfied with the improvements I made. I think that with each speech, I got better with the outlines which ultimately helped my speeches sound better towards the end of the semester. For further presentations, I would like to work better on the organization structure of the vocal part of my speeches. I would like to be able to work on that outline, so that the verbal speech flows as well as the non-verbal outline of my speech.

The delivery goal I set for the semester was to work on the pace of my speech. I wanted to slow down my pace to allow my audience to process and understand fully what I was saying. I was somewhat satisfied with the improvements I made. I think that with each speech, my pace got slower, but there is still room to improve. For future presentations, I would still like to continue to work on the pace of my speeches. I know that there is still room for my to slow down more as well as an ability to focus on words that need to be stressed.

The content goal I set for the semester was to work on writing speeches that my audience found to be more interesting. I wanted the audience to be really interested in my speech so it would be easier to focus. I was satisfied with the improvements I made. I think I did well with this, but as usual, there is always room to improve. For future presentations, I would still like to keep the audience’s interest in mind, yet find something that still follows the guidelines. I think that keeping this in mind is important in order to make sure that my future speeches go as well as these did.

The open goal I set for the semester was to speak more confidently and avoid crutch words. I was satisfied with the improvements I made for this goal. Looking back, I think I did well, but like I said before, there is always room for improvement. I cut down on crutch words and spoke more confidently, but I could always do more. I still relied on cue cards, but not as much as I did for the first speech. For future presentations, I would like to be able to speak without using cue cards and not having crutch words.