Tutoring Philosophy

Writing for me is the struggle to put exactly what I’m thinking onto the page. Sometimes, the words flow onto the page, creating a window into my mind, allowing my argument to seep into every sentence. Sometimes, I can’t get anywhere. Everything is blocky. I get frustrated with my inability to say what I mean and my writing suffers. As a writing tutor, I want to be able to help others get past that wall, to let their creativity shine through, and help others be happy and content with their work.

There are two ways to look at someone else’s work: strict editing or a collaborative work-through. Writers coming to the writing center are (hopefully) looking for more than just a quick scan for grammar and a pat on the back. Each writer brings their own concerns and problems with his/her writing into the conference. I want to be able to not only help them on their paper, but help to address any larger concerns they may have. Although I am not a grammar wiz and my knowledge of the comma could use some work, I still try my best to be able to help the writer be able to say exactly what they want to say on the paper. I am here as a peer resource and as such I want each conference to be a low stress environment where the writer feels comfortable sharing their writing. I fully intend to help the writer and try to demonstrate that in every conference. As a Bioinformatics major, I hope to be able to help all writers, whether in the STEM disciplines or in the humanities, on all different types of projects. My goal, no matter the writer or the style of writing, is to help anyone who has a writing center appointment to write exactly what they want, and to feel proud of it.