

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

This chapter presents the answer of the research questions and the conclusion drawn from the discussion in previous chapters. This chapter also presents the writer's suggestions for further research and language users in general.

5.1 Conclusions

The discussion of the study is concerned with metaphor of modality types and values in the third Bush-Kerry Presidential Debate dealing with the speakers' explicitness in expressing their position. This present study investigates four types of metaphor of modality within three values system.

In the debate the metaphor of modality used by the debaters are only the subjective-explicit orientations. The types found are only probability and obligation with three values namely high, median and low. From the findings, it was found that Kerry used more metaphor of modality than Bush. It means that Kerry was explicit than Bush.

The use of metaphor of modality can reveal the explicitness of the speakers in expressing their position. The more the speakers use the metaphor of modality, the more explicit they are. In the debate, Kerry used the metaphor of modality more than Bush did. It shows that Kerry was less certain of what he said.

It can further be said that every statement uttered by presidential candidates, especially in a presidential campaign can be evaluated for considering

their attitude. By using some linguistic features analysis, it can be seen whether the candidates are proper to be a president or not.

5.2 Suggestions

Based on the research above, there is a methodological suggestion for further research and a practical suggestion for language users in general. The present study only focuses on the metaphor of modality to reveal the speakers' explicitness in expressing their positions. For further research, it is recommended to fully describe the speaker's position by analyzing polarity and all types of modality (the congruent or metaphorical form).

It is recommended that the voters of presidential election be more critical in receiving the presidential candidates' statements or promises. Doing so, the voters probably will choose the right president to lead their country.