Recommendations from Admissions Committee 2009-2010

1. Should UH Hilo require an essay as part of the admissions process?
   Admissions Committee vote: In favor, 4-3-0

2. Should UH Hilo keep the current entrance requirements?
   Admissions Committee vote: In favor, 4-3-0

3. Should UH Hilo add an SAT requirement that starts low and is slowly raised?
   Admissions Committee vote: In favor, 4-3-0

4. Should UH Hilo have a universitywide honors program?
   Admissions Committee vote: In favor, 5-1-1

5. Should the appropriate Congress committee examine how course evaluations are currently used with regard to evaluating faculty for tenure, promotion and pay?
   Admissions Committee vote: In favor, 5-1-1
Very important source of information was the faculty survey: 250 people were invited to the survey; 129 responded.
Question 1: Should UH Hilo require every applicant to complete an essay?

Why did we vote on this? Number of “yes” votes in the faculty survey

[Bar chart showing the number of votes for and against requiring an essay in different scenarios.]
Response differed by academic unit.
In favor: Nat Sci, CoBE, CoP, CAFNRM, Humanities
Opposed: CHL, SS. Soc Sci was split.
Committee voted in favor 4-3.
Items 2 and 3 concerned entrance requirements. Overall, survey respondents indicated that current requirements were too low.

**Bar Chart:**

In your experience, are the current UH Hilo entrance requirements appropriate?

- **Too low:** High
- **Just right:** Moderate
- **Too high:** Low
Survey results varied by unit

95% CI: In your experience, are the current UH Hilo entrance requirements appropriate?

- Too high
- Just right
- Too low
Item 2: Keep admissions requirements the same
In favor, 4-3
Item 3: Add an SAT requirement and slowly raise it year by year: In favor, 4-3
Item 4: Should UHH have a universitywide honors program? Faculty overall were in favor

Committee voted 5-1-1 in favor
Significant number of faculty indicated that course evaluations as currently used have an adverse effect on level of academic challenge; committee voted 5-1-1 in favor of Congress charging the appropriate committee with examining this issue.