University of Houston System Board of Regents

Introduction

Organization: University of Houston-Clear Lake

Type of Appointment:	Appointment
Name:	Dr. Pamelyn Klepal Shefman
To Title:	Associate Vice Provost for Planning, Assessment and Accreditation
Effective Date:	December 1, 2026

Biographical Sketch:

Pamelyn Klepal Shefman, Ph.D., has been appointed Associate Vice Provost for Planning, Assessment and Accreditation at the University of Houston–Clear Lake (UHCL), effective December 1, 2026, pending approval by the University of Houston System Board of Regents. She currently serves as Executive Director of Planning and Assessment and Interim Strategic Transfer Coordinator, providing institutional leadership in strategic planning, assessment, accreditation, and initiatives designed to advance student success and institutional effectiveness.

With more than 25 years of experience in higher education, Dr. Shefman has held progressive leadership positions at several institutions, including Alvin Community College, the University of Houston, Rice University, and Lone Star College. Throughout her career, she has guided institutional assessment initiatives, supported accreditation and reaffirmation processes, and fostered cultures of continuous improvement. Her work has emphasized aligning institutional priorities with measurable outcomes, strengthening academic programs, and promoting data-informed decision-making. In her current role, she also supports the development of strategic transfer partnerships and academic pathways that expand educational opportunities for students.

An accomplished scholar, educator, and nationally engaged higher education professional, Dr. Shefman has authored and co-authored numerous publications addressing assessment, accreditation, institutional effectiveness, and student learning. She has presented extensively at professional conferences and contributed to national and statewide organizations, including the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) and the Texas Association for Higher Education Assessment (TxAHEA). Her leadership and service have been recognized through several professional honors, including the 2025 TxAHEA Distinguished Association Service Award and the 2025 Texas Women in Higher Education Institutional Representative Award.

Dr. Shefman earned her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology, with a concentration in Higher Education, from the University of Houston; a Master of Business Administration from Duquesne University; and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Carnegie Mellon University. In addition to her administrative leadership, she has taught graduate-level courses in higher education, assessment, and research, reflecting her continued commitment to developing future higher education professionals and advancing institutional excellence.