University of Houston System Board of Regents

Introduction

Organization: University of Houston

Type of Appointment: Appointment

Name: Christina Gola

To Title: Dean, UH Libraries

Effective Date: September 1, 2025

Biographical Sketch:

Christina H. Gola is currently Interim Dean of Libraries at the University of Houston where she provides strategic leadership for UH Libraries and its collections and services that advance student success, nationally competitive research, and social impact. With five library spaces across campus, physical and digital collections that expand over 4 million volumes, and unique collections that preserve the history of UH and the local community, UH Libraries is ranked among the nation's top research libraries by the Associate of Research Libraries. Christina is leading the UH Libraries "Reimagined Libraries" vision to transform spaces and services to inspire creativity, promote interdisciplinary research, and engage broader audiences in the pursuit of intellectual curiosity and knowledge creation.

Christina holds a BS from Texas A&M University and an MLIS from the University of North Texas and has over 20 years of experience in academic librarianship, having served in varies leadership capacities at UH Libraries, within Texas, and nationally. Most recently as Associate Dean for Organizational Development, Learning, and Talent at UH Libraries, she led organizational effectiveness, human resources, talent development, librarian promotion, facilities, and library technology services. Her driven and empathetic leadership approach motivated her career trajectory into organizational development and management, after managing and mentoring a large department of instruction and liaison librarians for more than seven years. Widely recognized as a library leader in Texas, she served as the 2020-2021 President of the Texas Library Association, and has served as a mentor for librarians and an advocate for all types of libraries across Texas. She was named Outstanding Alumni from the University of North Texas, Department of Information Science in 2021.

At the national level she is an active contributor to ideas and initiatives within the Association of Research Libraries, where she participated as a 2018-2019 Leadership Fellow. She has published and presented on student success and information literacy, library leadership, leading change, and employee success. She is passionate about transforming spaces, services, policies and practices that lead to employee and student success in a collaborative and cohesive manner. Christina's appointment as Dean of UH Libraries will begin on September 1, 2025.