

# Project Management Institute Kerala Chapter- Loyola Student Forum Time Line

## Background

As part of initiating the competence enhancement management model on the campus, the academic body at Loyola has developed a five-dimensional approach on campus. One of the key dimensional areas is programme management. One of the strongholds of Loyola in programme management used to be its unique PIMER model. It uses this framework in planning, implementing, monitoring, evaluating, and reframing all its significant activities on the campus. However, realising the significance of project management skills in enhancing the employment prospects of postgraduates in today's drastically reshaping labour market, Loyola has taken the resolution to give more attention to imparting project management-related skills to its students.

Against this background, Loyola has explored the possibilities of starting a student forum of the Project Management Institute<sup>1</sup>([www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org)) on the campus. Through the network of Mr Anish Pappachan, an alumni member of the college, we approached the PMI Trivandrum, Kerala Chapter ([www.pmikerala.org](http://www.pmikerala.org)), a local chapter of PMI located in the southern tip of India, for this purpose. After getting a positive nod from the officials of the PMI Kerala Chapter, we had an online meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to further deliberate on the establishment of a PMI Academic forum<sup>2i</sup> at Loyola. In this meeting, all the HoD's, Principal, Fr. Ranjit and Mr Anish participated in the meeting representing Loyola, and all its major office bearers represented PMI. We have subsequently signed an MoU with the PMI Kerala Chapter for better academic collaboration on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Fr. Ranjit George SJ is the staff coordinator, and Dr Aby Tellas is the student animator to facilitate further the activities of the student forum on the campus.

The Expected benefit of having the student forum are as follows:

- Free training on Project Management as a life skill
- Support to achieve PMI Kickoff Waterfall & Agile Badges

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<sup>1</sup>PMI is the world's largest not for profit body of Project Management professionals. PMI community has more than half a million members and credential holders. It continually supports establishing global standards to promote professionalism in Project Management. PMI, headquartered in Pennsylvania, United States, has more than 600,000 members and credential holders in more than 185 countries.

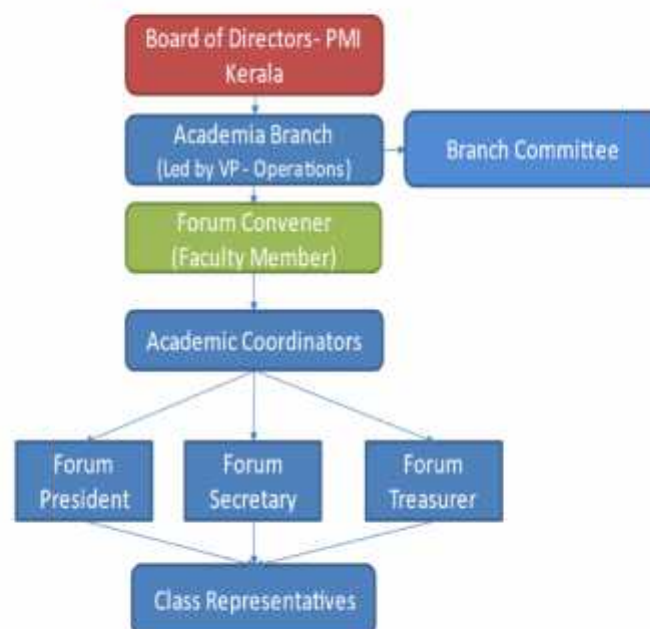
<sup>2</sup>As part of bridging the gap between industry and academia, PMI Kerala has an institutionalised Academic Forum. The mission of the PMI Kerala Academic Outreach program is to advance the practice and profession of project management by providing programs, resources, and support to student forums in major academic institutions in Kerala. As a forum, it brings together the true cross-section of the Project Management fraternity in the locality; PMI Kerala chapter enjoys the attention of Industry, Academia, NGOs & local government's attention when it comes to project management.

- Personal mentoring sessions by industry leaders
- Free Participation in
  - Paper presentation contests
  - Annual student project awards
  - Business quiz
- Participate in PMI Kerala Chapter events with reduced / No Registration fee
- Participate in training for PMI certifications at a reduced rate
- Volunteering opportunities in various events of the chapter
- Internship opportunities with organisations associated with the chapter

#### Academic forum – Benefits to the Institution

- Connect with over 1000 industry project management professionals from various industries
- Faculty training on project management
- Enhanced learning opportunities for faculty by interacting with senior practising project managers

### Academic Forum Governance Organization Structure



As a follow-up, we have conducted the following activities to integrate the students into this newly formed student Forum.

1. An orientation session by Mr Anish Pappachan on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021- Mr Anish has over eight years of experience in project related assignments at EY, one of the global four enterprises in the world.
2. Official Inauguration of the student forum at Loyola on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021
3. Membership campaign
4. Participation in Wings 2021 by some of the member students- An annual academic conclave organised by PMI Kerala Chapter to facilitate effective exchanges with the academia and industry
5. Staff in charge participating in Waves 2021 held on the first and second October 2021
6. The election of the office-bearers of the student forum on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021
7. Completion of Waterfall/Agile Badges by the students
8. Students as Volunteers for developing learning content to support the visually impaired learners
9. PMI also offer a nine-week PM Ready Certificate course to the member students at a subsidised rate to equip them to take up PM-related jobs in the future. The first batch commenced on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021.

We have currently 62 members in the Forum. The office-bearers of the Forum are as follows:

**Forum President- Ms Kalyani Nayar (MA HRM Dept)**

**Forum Secretary- Ms. Rajitha (MSW Dept)**

**Forum Treasurer- Ms Krishnendhu (MA Sociology)**

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Fwd: FW: PMI Academic Forum proposal

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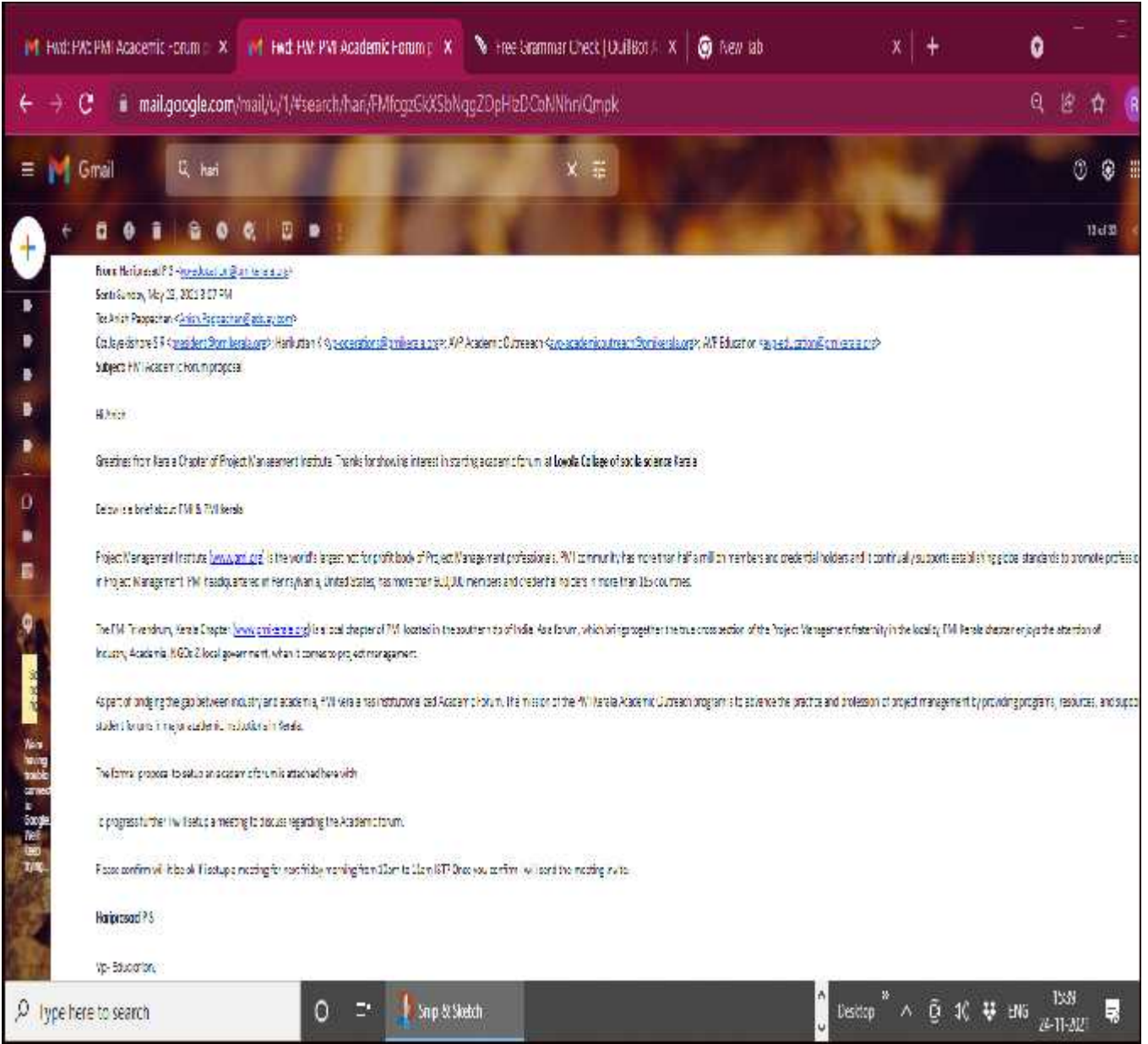
Hi Hari,

Thank you for taking time to discuss and for promptly sending the proposal on setting up an PMI Kerala Chapter Academic Forum in Loyola College of Social Sciences Thrivandrum. It was a real pleasure talking with you and knowing about the Programmes and Activities of the chapter and based on the initial discussion that I had with the College Management they are quite impressed by your innovative ideas and being an Alumni of this college it left me with the feeling that we'd make a superb collaborative team.

In this email I am officially keeping in the Principal of Loyola College Dr. Saji P Jacob and Fr. Ranjit George who will be the SPOC for PMI from the College management side and will be providing all the required assistance for smoother collaboration.

If you need any further information, please feel free to voice me out any time. Thanks once again for the consideration.

Thanks & Regards  
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Tue, May 23, 11:27 AM

Dear Mr **Ranji**,

Greetings from Loyola College of Social Sciences. I am indeed grateful to you and your team for this opportunity offered to Loyola. We are looking forward to this joint venture in inaugurating a Chapter of PMI Kerala at Loyola. We are indeed quite sure that our association would be mutually beneficial and enriching, especially for our students. We have already ensured the participation of all the important stakeholders at Loyola in the proposed meeting on Friday.

We formally accept this offer from your side and welcome you and your team to Loyola.

May I also take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Mr Anish Pappachan, our own alumnus and a true well wisher of Loyola for his supportive presence. I also reassure you all that, from our side, Fr Ranjith George SJ will do everything possible to make this event a big Success.

Warm regards,  
Saji Saji

