**Which School, in a University System, should offer Project Management Curriculum; Education, Information Sciences, Engineering, or Business?**

I have been thinking about this for a while and have come to the conclusion that it should be the School of Business even though there are reasons why it could be in other Schools. Here is my rationale!

How about the School of Education?

It is unlikely that Teachers would need a full blown course in Project Management. But, there are about a dozen requirements in the [California Career Technical Education Model Curriculum Standards](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CMax%20Smith%5CSkyDrive%5CDocuments%5CCalifornia%20Career%20Technical%20Education%20Model%20Curriculum%20Standards.pdf) for teachers to imbed particular project management concepts or practices into their curricula. This does not require a comprehensive course in project management and the need could be satisfied with a short overview or seminar focused on the Standards requirement.

How about Information Sciences?

IT is one of the areas of hot demand for Project Managers. In my experience it is also the area with the most project failures; example, Affordable Healthcare Act rollout. Teaching project management as part of IT course of study could go a long way reducing the number of project failures. It would be great if students in an IT course of study learned about project management methodology, it would still be peripheral to their primary interests even though throughout their career they will work in project management environment as a contributor or manager.

How about the School of Engineering?

This is where the Project Management curricula has typically resided; and this is because historically major engineering efforts were done through Projects, and this is still the case.

How about the School of Business?

Businesses have two primary functions, to maintain operations and to grow. Business operations are the focus of most Schools of Business. Growth is most often achieved by M&A or projects. Mergers and Acquisitions is taught in Business Schools, but project management is not.

Project Management has evolved to a ubiquitous methodology that is used across all industries. If you go to a job site like <http://www.monster.com/> you will see a large number of job opportunities in a huge variety of industries, Healthcare, IT, Pharmaceuticals, Construction, Finance, Petrochemical, Government, and so on. The common denominator is Business!