

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Mail Stop 4720

June 14, 2017

Mr. Steven J. McGarry Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer SLM Corporation 300 Continental Drive Newark, Delaware 19713

Re: SLM Corporation

Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

Filed February 24, 2017 File No. 001-13251

Dear Mr. McGarry:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gus Rodriguez

Gus Rodriguez Accounting Branch Chief Office of Financial Services