UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 30, 2012

SLM CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-13251 (Commission File Number) 52-2013874 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

300 Continental Drive, Newark, Delaware (Address of principal executive offices) 19713 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (302) 283-8000

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Dere-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 30, 2012, Michael E. Martin informed SLM Corporation (the "Company") of his decision to resign as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company effective upon the commencement of the Company's annual meeting of shareholders, which is scheduled to be held on May 24, 2012. Mr. Martin's decision was motivated by competing time commitments and was not due to any disagreements with the Company.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SLM CORPORATION

By: /s/ Laurent C. Lutz

Laurent C. Lutz Executive Vice President and General Counsel

Date: March 30, 2012