## FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP |
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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Quinlan Raymond J. |   |  |  |         |                              | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SLM CORP [ SLM ] |  |  |                             |        |                     |   |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |  |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|--|---------|------------------------------|--|--|--|-----------------------------|--------|---------------------|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|--|
|  |   |  | Middle                                     |         | 3. D                         | Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)                |  |  |                             |        |                     |   |  | _  | <ul><li>X Direct</li><li>X Office below</li></ul>                       | er (give title   |  | Owner<br>er (specify                    |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 300 CONTINENTAL DRIVE                |   |  |  |         |                              | 05/01/2017   |  |  |                             |        |                     |   |  |  | Chairman & CEO  |  |  |   |  |
| (Street)   | K DI  | E 1  | .9713                                      |         | 4. If                        | If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)        |  |  |                             |        |                     |   | 6. l<br>Lin                                  | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable le)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person |   |  |  |   |  |
| (City)   | (St   | ate) (.                                    | Zip)                                       |         | -                            |  |  |  |                             |        |                     |   |  |  | Forn<br>Pers  |  | re than One R  | eporting                                |  |
|  |   | Tabl                                       | e I - No                                   | n-Deriv | ative                        | Sec  | curitie  | s Ac                                       | quired,                     | Dis    | posed o             | f, or l   | Bene   | ficia  | lly Own   | ed   |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da   |   |  |  |         | Execution Date,              |  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |  |                             |        |                     | 5) Secur<br>Benef<br>Owne                                       | icially<br>d Following                       | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)                            | of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                                  |  |  |   |  |
|  |   |  |  |         |                              |  |  | Code                                       | v                           | Amount | (A<br>(D            | ) or<br>)   | Price  |  | ted<br>action(s)<br>3 and 4)  |  | (Instr. 4)   |   |  |
| Common Stock 05/01   |   |  |  | /2017   | 2017                         |  | F  |  | 13,576 <sup>(1)</sup> D     |        | D                   | \$12.   | 75 1,2                                       | 280,133  | D   |  |  |   |  |
|  |   | Та   |  |         |                              |  |  |  |                             |        | sed of,<br>onvertib |   |  |  | Owned   |  |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)          | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deen<br>Executio<br>if any<br>(Month/D | n Date, | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |  | 5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5  | rative<br>rities<br>ired<br>r<br>osed<br>) | 6. Date Expiration (Month/D | on Dat |                     | 7. Title<br>Amou<br>Secur<br>Under<br>Deriva<br>Secur<br>and 4) | nt of<br>ities<br>lying<br>ative<br>ity (Ins | unt ber  | B. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)                     | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions (Instr. 4) | Ownershi<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirec<br>(I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>t (Instr. 4) |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. On May 1, 2014, the reporting person was granted restricted stock units ("RSUs") representing rights to receive shares of common stock of SLM Corporation (the "Company"), subject to vesting conditions, to vest in one-third increments on May 1, 2015, 2016 and 2017. On May 1, 2017, 27,962 shares vested in connection with these RSUs, of which 13,576 shares were withheld by the Company to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligations.

> /s/ Nicolas Jafarieh (POA) for 05/03/2017 Raymond J. Quinlan

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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