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

SCHEDULE 13G

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (AMENDMENT NO. <u>1</u>)*

SLM Corporation

(Name of Issuer)

Common shares

(Title of Class of Securities)

78442P106

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2008 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

⊠ Rule 13d-1(b)

 \Box Rule 13d-1(c)

□ Rule 13d-1(d)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP No. 78442P106

1 Name of Reporting Person S.S. OR I.R.S. Identification No. of above person

Dodge & Cox 94-1441976

2	Check the Appropriate	Box if a Member	of a Group*
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N/A

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3 SEC Use Only

4 Citizenship or Place of Organization

California – U.S.A.			
NUMBER OF	5 Sole Voting Power		
SHARES	43,354,227		
BENEFICIALLY	6 Shared Voting Power		
OWNED BY	113,100		
EACH	7 Sole Dispositive Power		
REPORTING	45,885,727		
PERSON	8 Shared Dispositive Power		
WITH	0		

9 Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

45,885,727

10 Check box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares*

N/A

11 Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9

9.8%

12 Type of Reporting Person*

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Item 1(a)	Name of Issuer:	
	SLM Corporation	
Item 1(b)	Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:	
	12061 Bluemont Way	
	Reston, VA 20190	
Item 2(a)	Name of Person Filing:	
	Dodge & Cox	
Item 2(b)	Address of the Principal Office or, if none, Residence:	
	555 California Street, 40th Floor	
	San Francisco, CA 94104	
Item 2(c)	<u>Citizenship:</u>	
	California—U.S.A.	
Item 2(d)	Title of Class of Securities:	
	Common shares	
Item 2(e)	CUSIP Number:	
	78442P106	
Item 3	If the Statement is being filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b),	
	or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:	
	(e) Investment Advisor registered under section 203 of	
	the Investment Advisors Act of 1940	
Item 4	Ownership:	
	(a) <u>Amount Beneficially Owned:</u>	
	45,885,727	
	(b) <u>Percent of Class:</u>	
	9.8%	
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	(c) <u>Number of shares as to which such person has:</u>
	(i) sole power to vote or direct the vote: 43,354,227
	(ii) shared power to vote or direct the vote:113,100
	(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 45,885,727
	(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0
Item 5	<u>Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:</u> Not applicable.
Item 6	Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person: Securities reported on this Schedule 13G are beneficially owned by clients of Dodge & Cox, which clients may include investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act and/or employee benefit plans, pension funds, endowment funds or other institutional clients.
Item 7	<u>Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which</u> <u>Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent</u> <u>Holding Company:</u> Not applicable.
Item 8	<u>Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:</u> Not applicable.
Item 9	Notice of Dissolution of a Group: Not applicable.
Item 10	Certification: By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 11, 2009

DODGE & COX

By:/S/ THOMAS M. MISTELEName:Thomas M. MisteleTitle:General Counsel & COO

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