

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): July 22, 2020

SLM CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

001-13251
(Commission File Number)

52-2013874
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

300 Continental Drive
(Address of principal executive offices)

Newark, Delaware

19713
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(302) 451-0200**

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

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, par value \$.20 per share	SLM	The NASDAQ Global Select Market
Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series B, par value \$.20 per share	SLMBP	The NASDAQ Global Select Market

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 144a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.144a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).
Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

SLM Corporation (the "Company") frequently provides relevant information to its investors via posting to its corporate website. On or about July 22, 2020, a presentation entitled "SLM Corporation — Earnings Presentation — Second Quarter 2020" was made available on the Company's website at <https://www.salliemae.com/investors/webcasts-and-presentations/>. In addition, the document is being furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

The presentation at Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1*	SLM Corporation - Earnings Presentation - Second Quarter 2020
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL)

* Furnished herewith.

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.

Date: July 22, 2020

SLM CORPORATION

By: /s/ STEVEN J. MCGARRY

Steven J. McGarry

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



**SLM Corporation
Earnings Presentation
Second Quarter 2020**

July 23, 2020

Forward-Looking Statements and Disclaimer

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

The following information is current as of July 22, 2020 (unless otherwise noted) and should be read in connection with the press release of SLM Corporation (the "Company") announcing its financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2020, the Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2020 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on July 22, 2020, and subsequent reports filed with the SEC.

This Presentation contains "forward-looking" statements and information based on management's current expectations as of the date of this Presentation. Statements that are not historical facts, including statements about the Company's beliefs, opinions, or expectations and statements that assume or are dependent upon future events, are forward-looking statements. This includes, but is not limited to: statements regarding future developments surrounding COVID-19 or any other pandemic, including, without limitation, statements regarding the potential impact of COVID-19 or any other pandemic on the company's business, results of operations, financial condition, and/or cash flows; the Company's expectation and ability to pay a quarterly cash dividend on its common stock in the future, subject to the determination by the Company's Board of Directors, and based on an evaluation of the Company's earnings, financial condition and requirements, business conditions, capital allocation determinations, and other factors, risks, and uncertainties; the Company's 2020 guidance; the Company's three-year horizon outlook; the Company's expectation and ability to execute loan sales and share repurchases; the Company's projections for originations, earnings, and balance sheet position; and any estimates related to accounting standard changes. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, assumptions, and other factors that may cause actual results to be materially different from those reflected in such forward-looking statements. These factors include, among others, the risks and uncertainties set forth in Item 1A, "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended Dec. 31, 2019 (filed with the SEC on Feb. 28, 2020) and subsequent filings with the SEC; the societal, business, and legislative/regulatory impact of pandemics and other public health crises; increases in financing costs; limits on liquidity; increases in costs associated with compliance with laws and regulations; failure to comply with consumer protection, banking, and other laws; changes in accounting standards and the impact of related changes in significant accounting estimates, including any regarding the measurement of the Company's allowance for loan losses and the related provision expense; any adverse outcomes in any significant litigation to which the Company or any subsidiary is a party; credit risk associated with the Company's (or any subsidiary's) exposure to third parties, including counterparties to the Company's (or any subsidiary's) derivative transactions; and changes in the terms of education loans and the educational credit marketplace (including changes resulting from new laws and the implementation of existing laws). The Company could also be affected by, among other things: changes in its funding costs and availability; reductions to its credit ratings; cybersecurity incidents, cyberattacks, and other failures or breaches of its operating systems or infrastructure, including those of third-party vendors; damage to its reputation; risks associated with restructuring initiatives, including failures to successfully implement cost-cutting programs and the adverse effects of such initiatives on the Company's business; changes in the demand for educational financing or in financing preferences of lenders, educational institutions, students, and their families; changes in law and regulations with respect to the student lending business and financial institutions generally; changes in banking rules and regulations, including increased capital requirements; increased competition from banks and other consumer lenders; the creditworthiness of customers; changes in the general interest rate environment, including the rate relationships among relevant money-market instruments and those of earning assets versus funding arrangements; rates of prepayments on the loans owned by the Company and its subsidiaries; changes in general economic conditions and the Company's ability to successfully effectuate any acquisitions; and other strategic initiatives. The preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements also requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions, including estimates and assumptions about future events. These estimates or assumptions may prove to be incorrect. All forward-looking statements contained in this Presentation are qualified by these cautionary statements and are made only as of the date of this Presentation. The Company does not undertake any obligation to update or revise these forward-looking statements to conform such statements to actual results or changes in its expectations.

The Company reports financial results on a GAAP basis and also provides certain non-GAAP "Core Earnings" performance measures. The difference between the Company's "Core Earnings" and GAAP results for the periods presented were the unrealized, mark-to-fair value gains/losses on derivative contracts (excluding current period accruals on the derivative instruments), net of tax. These are recognized in GAAP, but not in "Core Earnings" results. The Company provides "Core Earnings" measures because this is one of several measures management uses when making management decisions regarding the Company's performance and the allocation of corporate resources. The Company's "Core Earnings" are not defined terms within GAAP and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

For additional information, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations –Core Earnings" in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2020 for a further discussion and the "Core Earnings" to GAAP Reconciliation" table in this Presentation for a complete reconciliation between GAAP net income and "Core Earnings".

COVID-19 Effects on our Business¹⁴

Return to School

- 78% of our top schools have announced plans for the 2020/2021 Academic Year¹⁶
- 40% on campus, 4% remote, and 56% hybrid programs to be utilized¹⁶

Originations

- Full-year impact of COVID-19 expected to reduce 2020 originations by \$700 million - \$1 billion, driven by lower enrollment and tightened credit as a result of macroeconomic environment
- Expect opportunity from competitor's decision to scale back participation in industry
- Average loan size increased, driven by lower state subsidies and family contributions¹⁵

Balance Sheet

- 2020 year end Private Education Loans receivables expected to be flat to 2019 year end
- Lower prepayments and lower consolidations are partially offsetting lower originations

Credit

- Of the loans that have exited disaster forbearance through July 15, 49% have successfully transitioned into repayment, 24% returned to disaster forbearance, 27% have not yet resolved
- Q2 2020 forbearance reached its highest in the mid-teens of loans outstanding
- Increased loan loss coverage by \$352 million based on a Q2 2021 weighted average unemployment forecast of 11.3% and Q4 2021 weighted average unemployment forecast of 10.6%; \$243 million of increased loan loss coverage driven by macroeconomic environment

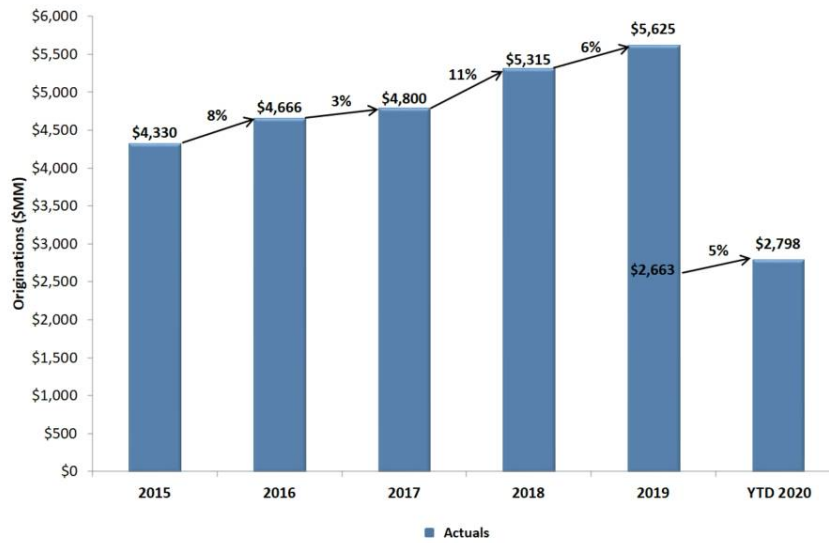
Operating Expense

- \$18 million in reductions identified through delayed hiring, reduced project spend, and suspended travel as of June 30, 2020

Quarterly Financial Highlights³

	2Q 2020	1Q 2020	2Q 2019		2Q 2020	1Q 2020	2Q 2019
Income Statement (\$ Millions)				Key Performance Metrics			
Total interest income	\$485	\$575	\$574	Net Interest Margin	4.55%	5.08%	5.88%
Total interest expense	136	175	177	Yield—Total Interest-earning assets	6.33%	7.30%	8.50%
Net Interest Income	349	400	397	Private Education Loans	8.33%	8.86%	9.39%
Less: provisions for credit losses	352	61	93	Personal Loans	12.54%	12.11%	12.00%
Total non-interest income	29	292	19	Cost of Funds	1.91%	2.41%	2.84%
Total non-interest expenses	142	147	139	Return on Assets ("ROA") ⁽⁵⁾	(1.1)%	4.6%	2.1%
Income tax expense (benefit)	(31)	121	34	Non-GAAP "Core Earnings" ROA ⁽⁶⁾	(1.0)%	4.2%	1.9%
Net income (loss)	(85)	362	150	Return on Common Equity ("ROCE") ⁽⁷⁾	(21.0)%	67.4%	21.8%
Preferred stock dividends	3	3	4	Non-GAAP "Core Earnings" ROCE ⁽⁸⁾	(19.5)%	61.4%	19.8%
Net income (loss) attributed to common stock	(88)	359	146	Per Common Share			
"Core Earnings" adjustments GAAP ⁽¹⁾	6	(32)	(14)	GAAP diluted earnings (loss) per common share	\$(0.23)	\$0.87	\$0.34
Non-GAAP "Core Earnings" net income (loss) attributable to common stock ⁽¹⁾	(82)	327	132	Non-GAAP "Core Earnings" diluted earnings (loss) per common share ⁽¹⁾	\$(0.22)	\$0.79	\$0.31
Ending Balances (\$ Millions)				Average common and common equivalent shares outstanding (millions)	375	413	432
Private Education Loans, net	\$19,793	\$20,176	\$21,395				
FFELP Loans, net	752	765	813				
Personal Loans, net	609	747	1,061				
Credit Cards, net	10	7	-				
Deposits	\$23,592	\$24,446	\$21,178				
Brokered	12,749	13,658	11,738				
Retail and other	10,843	10,788	9,440				

Private Education Loan Originations⁹



Originations Statistics

Originations(\$MM)	\$497	\$532
% Cosigned	74%	77%
% In School Payment	59%	57%
Average FICO at Approval ¹⁰	747	745
YoY Origination Growth Rate	-7%	

Q2 2020

Q2 2019

Credit Performance^{11,12,13}

Private Education Loans

(\$ Thousands)

Loans in forbearance and percentage of each status:

	June 30, 2020		Quarters Ended March 31, 2020		June 30, 2019	
	Balance	%	Balance	%	Balance	%
Loans in forbearance - current	\$ 1,420,585	95.2%	\$ 989,925	100.0%	\$ 574,015	100.0%
Loans in forbearance - delinquent 31-60 days	40,455	2.7%	--	--	--	--
Loans in forbearance - delinquent 61-90 days	21,286	1.4%	--	--	--	--
Loans in forbearance - delinquent greater than 90 days	10,369	0.7%	--	--	--	--
Total private education loans in forbearance	\$ 1,492,695	100.0%	\$ 989,925	100.0%	\$ 574,015	100.0%

Loans in repayment and percentage of each status:

Loans current	\$ 14,190,329	97.8%	\$ 14,516,211	96.8%	\$ 14,920,746	97.3%
Loans delinquent 31-60 days	166,584	1.1%	254,625	1.7%	222,448	1.5%
Loans delinquent 61-90 days	99,653	0.7%	135,896	0.9%	123,473	0.8%
Loans delinquent greater than 90 days	56,157	0.4%	81,613	0.6%	65,584	0.4%
Total private education loans in repayment	\$ 14,512,723	100.0%	\$ 14,988,345	100.0%	\$ 15,332,251	100.0%

Loans delinquent 30+ days

(as a % of loans in repayment and delinquent forbearance loans) 2.7% 3.2% 2.7%

Loans in forbearance

\$ 1,492,695 \$ 989,925 \$ 574,015

Loans in forbearance as a % of loans in repayment and forbearance 9.3% 6.2% 3.6%

Allowance as a % of the ending loans in repayment 12.1% 10.1% 2.0%

Net charge-offs as a % of average loans in repayment (annualized) 0.75% 1.05% 1.29%

Footnotes

1. Derivative Accounting: we provide "Core Earnings" because it is one of several measures management uses to evaluate management performance and allocate corporate resources. "Core Earnings" exclude periodic unrealized gains and losses caused by the mark-to-fair value valuations on derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment under GAAP, but include current period accruals on the derivative instruments. Under GAAP, for our derivatives held to maturity, the cumulative net unrealized gain or loss over the life of the contract will equal \$0. Management believes the Company's derivatives are effective economic hedges, and, as such, they are a critical element of the Company's interest rate risk management strategy. Our "Core Earnings" are not defined terms within GAAP and may not be comparable to similarly tilted measures reported by other companies.
2. "Core Earnings" tax rate is based on the effective tax rate at Sallie Mae Bank where the derivative instruments are held.
3. The difference between "Core Earnings" and GAAP net income is driven by mark-to-fair value unrealized gains and losses on derivative contracts recognized in GAAP, but not in "Core Earnings" results. See page 8 for a reconciliation of GAAP and "Core Earnings".
4. N/A
5. We calculate and report our Return on Assets ("ROA") as the ratio of (a) GAAP net income (loss) numerator (annualized) to (b) the GAAP total average assets denominator.
6. We calculate and report our non-GAAP "Core Earnings" Return on Assets ("Core Earnings ROA") as the ratio of (a) "Core Earnings" net income (loss) numerator (annualized) to (b) the GAAP total average assets denominator.
7. We calculate and report our Return on Common Equity ("ROCE") as the ratio of (a) GAAP net income (loss) attributable to SLM Corporation common stock numerator (annualized) to (b) the net denominator, which consists of GAAP total average equity less total average preferred stock.
8. We calculate and report our non-GAAP "Core Earnings" Return on Common Equity ("Core Earnings ROCE") as the ratio of (a) "Core Earnings" net income (loss) attributable to SLM Corporation common stock numerator (annualized) to (b) the net denominator, which consists of GAAP total average equity less total average preferred stock.
9. Originations represent loans that were funded or acquired during the period presented.
10. Represents the higher credit score of the cosigner or the borrower.
11. For Private Education Loans on this slide, "loans in repayment" include loans making interest only or fixed payments, as well as loans that have entered full principal and interest repayment status after any applicable grace period (but do not include those loans while they are in forbearance).
12. For Private Education Loans on this slide, "loans in forbearance" include loans for customers who have requested extension of grace period generally during employment transition or who have temporarily ceased making full payments due to hardship or other factors, consistent with established loan program servicing policies and procedures.
13. The period of delinquency is based on the number of days scheduled payments are contractually past due.
14. This information constitutes forward-looking statements. See page 2 of this Presentation for a cautionary note regarding forward-looking statements.
15. Source: State Cuts Grow Deep www.insidehighered.com. Source: Mounting Peril for Public Higher Education During the Coronavirus Pandemic www.americanprogress.org
16. Based on Internal Company statistics.

“Core Earnings” to GAAP Reconciliation

	Quarters Ended		
	June 30, 2020	March 31, 2020	June 30, 2019
Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts			
“Core Earnings” adjustments to GAAP:			
GAAP net income (loss)	(\$85,211)	\$362,173	\$150,277
Preferred stock dividends	\$2,478	\$3,464	\$4,331
GAAP net income (loss) attributable to SLM Corporation common stock	<u>(\$87,689)</u>	<u>\$358,709</u>	<u>\$145,946</u>
Adjustments:			
Net impact of derivative accounting ⁽¹⁾	\$7,853	(\$42,312)	(\$18,242)
Net tax expense (benefit) ⁽²⁾	\$1,918	(\$10,330)	(\$4,458)
Total “Core Earnings” adjustments to GAAP	\$5,935	(\$31,982)	(\$13,784)
“Core Earnings” (loss) attributable to SLM Corporation common stock	<u>(\$81,754)</u>	<u>\$326,727</u>	<u>\$132,162</u>
GAAP diluted earnings (loss) per common share	(\$0.23)	\$0.87	\$0.34
Derivative adjustments, net of tax	\$0.01	(\$0.08)	(\$0.03)
“Core Earnings” diluted earnings (loss) per common share	<u>(\$0.22)</u>	<u>\$0.79</u>	<u>\$0.31</u>

