

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

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

August 26, 2016

Mail Stop 4720

<u>Via E-mail</u> Somsak Chivavibul Chief Financial Officer Navient Corporation 123 Justison Street Wilmington, DE 19801

# Re: Navient Corporation Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2015 Filed February 25, 2016 File No. 001-36228

Dear Mr. Chivavibul,

We have limited our review of your filing to the financial statements and related disclosures and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to these comments within ten business days by providing the requested information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing your response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

# Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2015

Critical Accounting Estimates, page 96

## Premium and Discount Amortization, page 98

- 1. We note your disclosure that the most judgmental estimate for premium and discount amortization on education loans is the constant prepayment rate (CPR). Your disclosure goes on to state that when you determine the CPR, you begin with historical prepayment rates due to consolidation activity, defaults, payoffs and term extensions. Please respond to the following:
  - Tell us why you include student loan defaults in your estimate of prepayments and explain how you believe that defaults meet the criteria in ASC 310-20-25-26 related to the ability to estimate future principal repayments.

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- Tell us, and revise future filings to disclose, the significant assumptions underlying the prepayment estimates in accordance with ASC 310-20-50-2.
- Tell us the level at which you estimate the prepayment assumptions for your loans.
- Tell us the last time you updated your prepayment assumptions.

# Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

# Interest Rate Sensitivity Analysis, page 107

2. We note your disclosure showing the impact on annual earnings of a +300 and +100 basis point increase in interest rates. In regards to the impact as of December 31, 2014, we note that the effects of a +300 basis points shock relative to the +100 basis points shock do not correlate the same way they appear to during the 2015 periods disclosed. We also note that the explanation summarizing the effects of the shocks in 2015 appears to be the same disclosure included in the 2014 Form 10-K, and thus it is not clear why the 2015 results do not have the same effect from the shocks as they did as of December 31, 2014. Please advise, and revise your future filings as appropriate to discuss the factors driving the related shock outcomes during each period presented.

## Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, page 111

## Note 4. Allowance for Loan Losses, F-26

## Accrued Interest Receivable, page F-38

3. Please provide disclosure here or elsewhere in the filing of the amount of the accrued interest receivable balance that is in excess of 90 days past due.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable Exchange Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In responding to our comments, please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

• the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;

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- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

You may contact Yolanda Trotter at (202) 551-3472 or me at (202) 551-3512 with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stephanie L. Sullivan

Stephanie L. Sullivan Senior Assistant Chief Accountant Office of Financial Services