Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

once again, a week of "Teaching without a lecture hall" is over, and in the meantime, most formats have been tested and have already reached an operational stage. What is still to come are the practical exercises. Some of them will be moved to the digital world, but some of them will also be able to take place in reality. The faculty management has just gone through the list of planned face-to-face events, checked the security concepts and decided to release the planned events by the faculty. If we do not hear anything to the contrary from the university management, the lecturers who will be holding classroom sessions will inform you from Monday onwards when and how this will take place.

One request in this context: If you are coming to the campus for classroom events - please make sure you comply with the safety regulations. This is the only way to ensure that the few things we can offer in classroom teaching this semester can actually take place.

Apart from that there is not too much news at the moment:

- The machine learning room is also active in digital times. In the matrix rooms of the TUD you can find it under #Maschinenwesen-Lernraum-MW. Every Thursday from 16:20 to 20:00 Mr. Munninger and Mr. Rodekamp are available here for questions on all topics from the basic studies and the corresponding exercises.
- With regard to the question of checks of the exams of the last lecture term, we have submitted a proposal on how this can be regulated, but we are still waiting for the TUD's crisis management team to decide. I hope that we will receive feedback on this in the coming week, and then I will get back to you on the subject immediately.
- The same applies to the question of examinations, which is still in the future but is an important issue. Here, too, alternatives are currently being examined and we simply have to wait until we have information from the crisis management team, on the basis of which we can then establish the appropriate concepts for the current events. Here too - as soon as I know something concrete, I will get back to you!

I have two more requests concerning the general organisation of the situation:

- We are really doing everything possible at the moment to answer all questions as soon as possible. This leads to an unbelievably high density of e-mails for me, but also - and especially - for the Examination Office. And that adds to the already very high workload. At the same time, the

home office is never as efficient as working in the office - all documents are within easy reach and the processes are much faster. Therefore: We, i.e. the examination office and myself, really do our best, but please do not expect it to be twice as fast as in normal operation ;-).

- And the second point - from a coordinative point of view, we are of course very interested in your feedback on the course of the semester so far. We are happy to receive praise when things are going really well, and we absolutely need the information if we have to make any adjustments. Please assume that this is the case: The situation is completely new for us too, we learn a lot every day, but there is also a lot to learn. And if we don't hear anything in one place, we assume: It works...

Furthermore: If you have any questions or concerns regarding the whole situation with regard to teaching during these weeks, please send them to kummerkasten-mw@tu-dresden.de and please use your TUD mail address without exception (in contrast to the normal use of the Kummerkasten).

And there is still the request to you: If you notice particularly great teaching offers in this complicated situation - please let me know the corresponding examples (preferably with course, special concept, name of the lecturer and if possible his e-mail and telephone) - the TUD started to present corresponding examples in the social media channels on Thursday last week (eLearning #TUDDigital) and we should make the lighthouses in mechanical engineering public!

So much for today.

Keep well!

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