Dear students of the faculty of mechanical engineering,

today's news concerns in particular two comprehensive lecture series - one for the 4th, the other for the 6th semester - which have to be organised a little differently than we are used to in the context of "teaching without a lecture hall" this semester...

- The first of these courses is the "Introduction to the fields of study", which is intended to give mechanical engineers in the 4th semester the opportunity to obtain comprehensive information about the various specialisations we offer. This event starts tomorrow, 08.05.20 at 7:30 live on YouTube stream at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEeco3VkoDqPOFahTgkb5cQ/ with an introduction that I will give myself. In the coming weeks, the directors of studies will then present the different fields of study in different formats.

- The second comprehensive lecture series is completely new this semester and concerns the "Introduction to Scientific Work" in the 6th semester. This course is part of the module "Fachpraktikum" in the 7th semester and is a very important starting point for the preparation of the work required in the coming semesters. This event starts on 20.05.20 at 18:30 with an introduction live on YouTube-Stream at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEeco3VkoDqPOFahTgkb5cQ/.

With regard to the inspection of examination records in WiSem 19/20, things have started now - please refer to the homepages of the professorships where you have written the exams.

And there is a lot of movement on the subject of examinations at the moment - also in view of the fact that the regulations on the Corona topic change almost every few days. We will have to wait a little longer before we can answer the question of how exactly this will work. One thing is certain: There will be exams and we will do everything we can to ensure that this semester does not cause a break in your studies!

Furthermore: If you have any questions or concerns regarding the whole situation with regard to teaching in 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 social media channels of the TUD
present these activities publicly (eLearning #TUDDigital) and we should have the lighthouses in mechanical engineering publicly with us!

So much for today, anticipating a nice weekend for all of you.

Keep well!

Stefan Odenbach

P.S.: Sorry that the information regarding the "Introduction to the study programmes" is so comparatively late: I've been struggling to get the MAT2 practical exercises into cyberspace these last few days. If you don't listen to MAT2 right now but still want to experiment, you can take a look here (https://www.facebook.com/mfd.tudresden/videos/2581478518743556/)...