Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

I already mentioned it in the last mail - we are heading for another largely digital semester. One component that has proved to be very useful in the organization during the last semester is the catalogue of all Opal courses for the courses in mechanical engineering. A first version of this catalogue has been online since noon today in the central Opal course "Mechanical Engineering without Lecture Hall" (https://bildungsportal.sachsen.de/opal/auth/RepositoryEntry/2311634949774). With a total of more than 380 courses, this first version already contains most of the courses of the winter semester. Already now the request: Please register promptly for all lectures you want to attend in the winter semester! We need this information in order to make room planning as efficient as possible and thus to realize as much presence teaching as possible. And it also gives the lecturers the opportunity to inform you about how the course or parts of it will be organized! This gives you important information on how to plan and organize your semester! We will inform you about updates to the catalogue via the message page of the course "Mechanical Engineering without Lecture Hall". Therefore, we ask you to register for this course as well, since we also use it as a central information channel.

Some questions have recently arisen on the subject of specialized internships. In particular, this concerns the topic of "internship contracts" when working at chairs of the TUD. In principle, no internship contract is required here. You will be working as a student at the university and will therefore be insured in the normal way. However, in some cases there seem to be difficulties with the BAföG office, which may want to see such a contract. We did some in-depth research and found an almost historical circular that clarifies the question of internship contracts at the TUD and also provides a sample contract. The corresponding information went out this evening to all teachers in MW, i.e. if you need a contract, you only need to ask your supervisor now...

Again I would like to remind you of the topic mail migration: The old horde mail accounts no longer exist and only the Exchange accounts are used. I.e. these info mails and also all other information that is sent (e.g. also those sent via the Opal system) will only reach you, if you use (and also read ;-) this Exchange mailbox. That means, if you get this mail, everything is ok in this respect. And I already mentioned the problem we
have at this point last week: First of all, the message only reaches those who have everything in order with the mail, the others don't get the hint...
So here's my request again: Use your communication channels and ask your fellow students if they have received the latest mails. And if not - inform them about the move and about the fact that it is very important to complete this transfer in order to be up to date in the coming digital semester!

What else is - and remains - important?

- On the "bulletin board" with offers for work in the specialized internships (https://bildungsportal.sachsen.de/opal/auth/RepositoryEntry/23156424707/) exciting topics were added just today again - browsing is worthwhile!
- All applications to the Examination Office can still be submitted by e-mail.
- The submission of the scientific theses takes place also further exclusively over the period mailbox TUD (https://tu-dresden.de/tu-dresden/kontakteservices/anschrift)!
- An important change concerns all specialized internship, research internship (and also the possibly somewhere still outstanding IPAs and Große Belege): Since 01.09.2020, a protocol must be created for all such work, just like for the diploma thesis, in which e.g. start and processing time are noted. The protocols and also notes on the procedure can be found at https://tu-dresden.de/ing/maschinenwesen/studium/beratung-und-service/pruefungsamt/formulare-infos in the section "Applications for certain examination regulations" under your respective PO!

And as always: If you have questions and concerns in the entire Corona situation with regard to teaching, please send them to kummerkasten-mw@tu-dresden.de and use your TUD mail address without exception (in contrast to the normal use of the Kummerkasten).

So far, use the lecture-free time to recover and stay healthy!

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