Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

this is the last mail on Friday evening during the semester break and therefore also the first mail for the winter semester.

Today, we were able to welcome our freshmen in 6 Corona-suitable courses. This is a wonderful moment, because the new semester really begins with it, a new academic year begins with it, and a new class begins into the fascination of mechanical engineering. Once again, a warm welcome to all those who are starting their studies at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering this winter! For those who were unable to attend the sessions there is - in these times quite normal - the possibility to watch a recording at https://youtu.be/8dzNbKONzvg.

In addition to the start of studies, there are a few other points that are important for the start of the semester and the development of the study structure. First, some sad news:

- Unfortunately, the CampusCoviDD19 study will not be able to take place because the number of those who had registered for the attendance events was far too small to allow for reasonable statistics. Please refer to the information provided in the corresponding Opal courses to find out how the individual events planned for the study will now take place.

- Very important for all face-to-face courses - and this applies very centrally to the exercises in the first and third semester: It is not possible to change the exercise group, as the rooms are used to the maximum of the room capacity permitted by the Corona rules and therefore nobody is allowed in the room additionally! And another, actually trivial but important note: participation in classroom sessions is of course only possible if you are healthy!

- To all those who have not yet done so, please register in the Opal Courses of all the events you will attend. An overview of all courses can be found in our Opal catalogue in the course "Mechanical Engineering without Lecture Hall" (https://tud.link/pu2y).

- All catalogue modules are now online at https://tud.link/ls74.
• For the time being, we will generally not be able to offer **advice in person** at the examination office. If you have a request, please send an e-mail to the examination office and they will send you information on how we provide advice.

• All **applications to the Examination Office** can still be submitted by e-mail.

• The **submission of scientific theses** will continue to take place exclusively via the TUD deadline letterbox ([https://tud.link/4and](https://tud.link/4and))!

• We would also like to remind you again of the vote on the e-learning jewels of the TU Dresden, which is still possible until the end of November at [https://tud.link/99om](https://tud.link/99om).

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

So far, I wish you a good start to a successful winter semester!

Stay healthy!

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