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Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

actually, at the start of today's lectures, I had only wanted to send a short mail of the category "Yep, it's started again". But: First of all, it comes differently and secondly, it's not what you think. Since 9:15 a.m. this morning, Opal has been down and the information that the Bildungsportal Sachsen (https://opal-sachsen.blogspot.com/) publishes on the site cannot necessarily be described as "giving hope" or "illuminating".

To put it simply, this is a disaster, since all the information regarding online lectures is provided by the courses. And since the system is operated by a company - Bildungsportal Sachsen - we as teachers and faculty are simply helpless at this point and can only look at the situation with horror.

The fact that at the same time the technology in the lecture halls does not work makes things even worse - and here too, neither the teachers concerned nor the faculty can do anything.

In order to avoid the Opal problem, I have just asked all teachers in MW to disseminate the relevant information through their websites and social media channels. We will do everything possible in the faculty to get the situation under control as quickly as possible so that the semester can run normally.

Nevertheless, I wish you a good start - hopefully soon - to a successful winter semester! Stay healthy!

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