Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

due to the crash of Opal at the beginning of the week it was a quite turbulent start into the lecture business, but meanwhile everything is running again and I hope you have successfully completed the leap into the semester.

A few things have come up in conversations over the course of the week, which I would like to explain or pass on:

- First of all Mr. Helsch has massively revised the Opal catalogue - the new version is in the "Mechanical Engineering without Lecture Hall" course (https://tud.link/pu2y). Downloading it is worthwhile, as it will make many things easier - and all the questions I received in this regard should be solved.
- The catalogue modules can all be found in the catalogues at https://tud.link/ls74.
- To the catalogue modules a short explanation of the Aqua Module in the 3rd / 4th semester. Here the "Fascination of Mechanical Engineering" appears - this is not the course from the first semester (which is now also called differently) but an extension of the earlier "Introduction to the Study Programmes", which should give you the opportunity to take a close look at the possibilities in the faculty before choosing your specialisation. The course will then run in summer, i.e. in the 4th semester!
- Quite often, the question arose why we didn't bundle the attendance events in time, because the to-and-fro between campus and home office is problematic. The reason is neither that we didn't think about it nor bad will. It's simply the problem that we only got the information from the university management in August about what we were allowed to do in class. Normally, that's when Dr. Becker starts planning for the next summer semester. In the few weeks that we had left, and considering that the central room administration was almost 90% ill, it was not possible to completely reschedule. We have the problem on our screens and hope that we will receive the summer schedule very soon, so that we can then make the appropriate planning.
• 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.

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).

Now let's make a good transition to the second week of lectures.

Stay healthy!

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