Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

the semester is now underway and, apart from the digital start-up difficulties, it seems to be going quite well. What doesn't work quite so well at the moment is my e-mail response speed. With several hundred e-mails a day on most days, I simply can't manage everything and sometimes have to combine multiple requests into one overall answer. It's a pity - but currently not manageable in any other way. I also have to take care of my own lectures from time to time ;-)

A few things - also with regard to questions that were asked more frequently - will now be briefly summarised here:

- **The catalogue modules** were decided in the StuKo meeting last Wednesday and should be online from the beginning of next week.
- In this context a short explanation, which only concerns PO changers from PO2012 to PO2019: **Business studies** is included in the module "Extended Basics" as a compulsory subject for the menopausal year at the diploma mechanical engineers and at VNT/WW it is included in the general and engineering-specific qualification or in the additional technical qualification Materials Science or interdisciplinary technical qualification for Process Engineering and Natural Materials Technology. Please contact the examination office if you have any questions. This only applies to those cohorts that are now changing and would not have any business studies without this specification.
- Then I would like to point out that - as is the case every year - the **university elections for students** are due in the winter semester. This is nothing unusual now and, as every year, I would of course like to point out that it is up to you to give your representatives a proper and stable mandate. When deciding whether to vote or not, you should always bear in mind that the FSR, for example, is massively involved in a wide range of student concerns - from the ESE to accompanying the digital semester in consultations with me, for example, to student representation on the faculty council. And in the end, this requires a properly democratically legitimised mandate, i.e. a high voter turnout! This year - no wonder - the whole thing is a bit different than usual, because there will be no

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election booths selling mulled wine 😊. Everything will be by postal vote, and the special thing about it: **You have to request the postal voting documents!!** If you want them sent, this request must be made by **18.11.20 at the latest**! The request itself can be made via the TUD’s SelfService Portal at [https://selfservice.zih.tu-dresden.de/l/index.php/briefwahlunterlagen](https://selfservice.zih.tu-dresden.de/l/index.php/briefwahlunterlagen). Please remember to remember and vote in time!

- And a second election is still running: The **vote for 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). It would be nice if we could place the mechanical engineering there.

And finally, as always, a 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 e-mail address without exception (in contrast to the normal use of the Kummerkasten) - and as mentioned above, we can't always get an answer within 24 hours at the moment...

So much for today.

Stay healthy!

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