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Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

last Friday, for once, there was no information mail. The reason was the faculty retreat, which lasted until well into the evening, and after that it was simply too late to send large e-mails. So if the "delay" of the mail was born out of a compelling constraint, it's very convenient for me today, because it allows me to start this mail with a point of my own interest.

During the faculty meeting, there was also a very intensive - and as detailed as I have never experienced before - discussion about teaching. And one point was the awarding of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering's prize for Innovation in Teaching, which was postponed from the summer due to the postponement of the faculty day. At this point - also on behalf of the whole team in Magnetofluidynamics - a very big thank you! We were very happy about this recognition of our work during the last months and we clearly take the award as a mandate to continue and to try to continue the topic "teaching without a lecture hall" as good and efficient as possible.

In addition to this very pleasant topic, a few things have emerged during the retreat and elsewhere that I would like to convey:

- Many colleagues asked for **feedback**. Normally, we have the opportunity to see in the lecture whether what we are currently telling you is going down well with you. Of course, that is something that is missing in the digital world. That's why feedback - via chat in the lectures, via e-mail afterwards or during the consultations that are often offered - would be very important. Ask where something is unclear, but feel free to tell your lecturers if anything was really good ;-). Teaching only works really well - even in digital times - if it is not just a one-way street!
- What also worries many lecturers is the lack of **participation in the exercises**. Participation here is significantly lower than we are used to from attendance semesters. A very clear request: Make use of the opportunities we offer you for both classroom and digital exercises. The success of the semester depends not only on the fact that we offer all courses. It also depends centrally on whether

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you take advantage of all the opportunities and really take your studies seriously! Of course - digital studies are not as much fun as normal classroom teaching. But I think we all want this phase to be successful and without delay, regardless of all the unpleasantness, and that requires a high level of commitment from all sides!

- And so that you can plan things well, we have completed the planning of the **examination dates** as early as never before. You can find the dates at <https://tud.link/3513>. Please note that there may still be updates - the examination period is still far away...
- I would like to take this opportunity to call on you to think very carefully about whether you should really **give back exams you have passed**. The only thing you will achieve is to increase the examination load in the following semesters! So be careful! And also: Be careful with exams from the old PO - they will soon no longer be offered! And be careful: After the exams have been returned, the next mark you get counts. Even if it should be worse!
- There have been many requests for the **learning room in MW** - that was my mistake, I simply overlooked the fact that I didn't have tutors for it ☹️. The problem is now solved, i.e. the learning room will be up and running again from 26.11.2020. Exactly how to reach it will be explained in the next mail!
- Then I would like to refer again to the **university elections**. Everything is done by postal vote, and the special thing about it: **You have to request the postal voting documents!** If you want to have them sent, this request must be made **by 18.11.20 at the latest!** The request itself is made via the TUD's SelfService Portal at <https://selfservice.zih.tu-dresden.de/l/index.php/briefwahlunterlagen>. Please remember and vote in time - support your FSR with a voter turnout of at least 50%!
- And a second ballot is still going on: 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>. You can easily do that, if you are logged in at Opal anyway! It would be nice if we could place the mechanical engineering there.

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](mailto:kummerkasten-mw@tu-dresden.de), using your TUD mail address without exception (in contrast to the normal use of the Kummerkasten).

So much for today.

Stay healthy!

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