Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

in the meantime, we are already looking beyond the examination period towards the summer semester and, in some places, even further. Therefore, there is information on very different topics today:

- First of all, the note for **presence examinations for distance learning students**: if you need an overnight stay here and a hotel booking for this, you can get a corresponding certificate from the examination board.
- I already said last time that by now around 80% of the exams have landed in the digital space. Due to the changes, there are also always **postponements of examination dates and times**. Please check regularly at [https://tud.link/3513](https://tud.link/3513) - the lists are usually updated on a weekly basis.
- Also important for digital examinations - and often asked for - you are responsible for the **internet connection** and overall for the functionality of your technology!
- Then a look relatively far into the future - in the seventh semester, the module Fachpraktikum is planned for the undergraduate students in the diploma programme in mechanical engineering. For the students in the 5th semester of the diploma programme in mechanical engineering, there will therefore be an **information event "Fachpraktikum"** as a web meeting via ZOOM on 04.02.2021 in the 6th DS. I know that this is close to the MAT1 test exam, so the information event will only start when we are sure that the test exam is over. The link to participate is [https://tu-dresden.zoom.us/j/83885641911?pwd=UDJNZXpsZEFJaUNzOTZkcUYzOXpHZz09](https://tu-dresden.zoom.us/j/83885641911?pwd=UDJNZXpsZEFJaUNzOTZkcUYzOXpHZz09)
  Meeting ID: 838 8564 1911
  Identification code: 3h*D@zpC
- And for the coming semester, it looks very good at the moment that we will be able to offer a **hybrid attendance day** at least in the 2nd and 4th semester, but hopefully also in the 6th semester. That is, a day on which lectures take place in presence at the university, which are offered in parallel synchronously and asynchronously on the net. As soon as it is clear which days and courses this will affect, please find out in good time how to register for the attendance events in the courses concerned.

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• A second topic that is already aimed at the coming winter semester and does not directly affect you, but where we need your help, is the introduction of an online self-assessment for prospective students in MW (OSA 3.0). In order to set this up well, we need to find out what challenges students need to overcome from your point of view in order to succeed in their mechanical engineering studies. For this purpose, there is a small survey (approx. 10min) in which we ask you to participate at https://tud.link/1n4o - that would be a great help!

• Of course, the current digital-only world still applies in the examination office. Therefore, as always, the urgent request: Send applications etc. only by e-mail!

• The statement - everything digital - naturally also applies to the submission of theses and supporting documents. Here we have already returned to the concept we had in the hard lockdown in spring: You upload your thesis to OwnCloud at https://cloudstore.zih.tu-dresden.de/ (access with your ZIH login) and send the link to the thesis to your examiner in the examination office (for theses!) and the supervising university lecturer by the deadline. You then submit the print version as soon as there are copy shops again... Please keep this procedure in this form until we announce a different procedure here!

• The Mechanical Engineering Learning Room will remain active during the examination period at https://matrix.tu-dresden.de/#/room/#Maschinenwesen-Lernraum-MW:tu-dresden.de - this is an innovation compared to the previous planning - an additional support that we would like to offer here for this complicated examination period (at this point, many thanks to Mr. Hagert for continuing to look after this during the examination period!)

And finally, as always, the advice: if you have questions and concerns about the whole Corona situation with regard to teaching, please send them to kummerkasten-mw@tu-dresden.de, using your TUD mail address without exception (as opposed to the normal use of the Kummerkasten).

That's it for today, despite the lockdown and the curfew, I wish everyone the chance to make the most of the beautiful snowy weather at the weekend.

Stay healthy!

Stefan Odenbach