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Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

this is a special infomail today - at least from my point of view. On 16.3. it was the anniversary of the Corona crisis in the form of these infomails for the MW faculty. It is now the 44th of these mails - which shows that there were a few weeks in the summer when we believed that the crisis could slowly recede. A point from which we are currently once again very far away - unfortunately...

Nevertheless, we are working with undiminished energy to ensure that your studies do not fall victim to this stupid virus in the coming period - whether digital, hybrid or face-to-face.

In the last two days - and that's the reason why this mail is coming so late this weekend - we organised the second Lessons Learned conference on topics around digital and hybrid teaching and it was impressive to see how diverse the ideas are, how unbelievably great the commitment is in our faculty and how great the efforts are to keep teaching not only alive but of high quality in these adverse times. If you want to see what is going on - a look at the conference is certainly worthwhile: <https://bit.ly/LessonsLearned2>.

We were pleased this evening in the special meeting of the university teachers with the members of the Faculty Council by the explicit praise from the FSR for the efforts of our faculty in the area of teaching. I also think that most colleagues have gone to the limits of what is possible here, and often far beyond. And of course, I personally was very pleased about that, because in 99% of all cases, I receive the (understandable) concerns and complaints, and it's good to hear that, all in all, we've done a good job...

Now briefly to the normal details:

- There has been some concern recently about the rail vehicle technology courses in KST - the problem has been solved: apart from one module, the specialisation is offered in its entirety!
- Then to the current **Opal course list** in the **Mechanical Engineering without Lecture Hall course** (<https://tud.link/gkjm>): It needs an update, but after last week's problems I'm doing it myself now (☹) and so it won't come until next week, I just didn't make it...
- Unfortunately, I cannot say at the moment what will happen to the **hybrid courses in the summer semester**. My recommendation: If you want to attend in

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Access

Side entrance
George-Bähr-Str. 3c,
marked parking spaces
in the courtyard. Parking
spaces in the inner
courtyard

Internet

<http://tu-dresden.de/mw>
*No access for
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presence, register accordingly in the courses. If the situation becomes too critical, it will go back to purely digital teaching anyway.

- Should individual hybrid events go back to the digital space on a presence day, we will try (suggestion by colleague Fröhlich) to organise a kind of public viewing in the corresponding lecture halls for those who want to attend the lecture in presence. Of course, only for those who are on the attendance list for the event - logical...
- It is very important for all attendance events that the **hygiene concepts must be adhered to**.
- And it is important to note that the hybrid events will only have a limited number of participants in attendance! As a result, **two separate enrolments** will run in the corresponding courses - you can either register for participation in attendance or for the digital form. **Participation in attendance is only permitted if you are also on the attendance list!**

Otherwise, as always, there is only the usual standard information:

- Of course, in the purely digital world, the examination office also operates digitally. Therefore, as always, we urgently request that you **only** send **applications etc. by e-mail!**
- A change applies to the **submission of theses and supporting documents**. Here, as long as there are no copy shops, we have the already known solution: You upload your thesis in OwnCloud at <https://cloudstore.zih.tu-dresden.de/> (access with your ZIH login) and send the link to the thesis to your processor in the examination office (for theses!) and the supervising university lecturer by the deadline. If you now receive printed copies again, you must send the two printed copies by post or submit them via the **TUD's deadline letterbox** (<https://tud.link/4and>). Furthermore, you must submit an electronic version of your work on CD or stick, and the declarations of independence must be included and signed. Everything that is put into the deadline letterbox by 23:59 on the day of submission is on time and will be under the flap from 00:00. In the case of postal delivery, the date of posting of the item counts.

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).

So much for now,
stay healthy!

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