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Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

In the last issue I already pointed out that we were expecting considerable problems around the examination period of the summer semester, and the email from the Rectorate in the middle of the week extended this fear to the whole semester.

I leave it to everyone to judge for themselves to what extent a decision that simply cancels the **planned hybrid formats** until the end of the summer semester - despite all the security concepts and despite all the work that has already gone into the preparatory work - is understandable and what prospects this leaves for the coming winter semester.

What I know for sure is the fact that we in the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering will not stop doing everything we can - as far as possible - to give you a smooth course of studies, even under the once again worsened boundary conditions.

The situation surrounding the **exams in the summer semester** is much more critical. The email from the Prorector of Education has tightened the situation for exams with more than 100 participants, which makes exam cancellations even more likely. We don't currently have a list of exams that will take place or be cancelled on our website. As long as the planning is ongoing, it will take some time before we can give concrete information on this. I expect the first indications in ten days, but the situation will only become concrete in mid-June, when we know what room allocations have been made. However, it is certain that there will be cancellations: it is already certain that the repeat exam in electrical engineering will not take place, which is very regrettable for the PO change, and there will also be a cancellation in combustion engines if there is no possibility for a presence exam.

And as sad as that is, I can only emphasise once again that I can absolutely understand the colleagues who say we can't cope with that now: The additional workload in teaching in the last 13 months has been enormous, the cuts in funding for teaching (e.g. tutor funding) are on top of that and there is no end in sight. And when you hear in parallel from student circles that many of those who always plead for online exams do so because it is so easy to cheat, then the increasing rejection of online exams on the part of the teachers is understandable.

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A completely different topic: The University of Leipzig is currently conducting a survey among students on how they deal with the digital learning world. You could take part at <https://umfrage.uni-leipzig.de/index.php/688579> - certainly a sensible thing to do, as we are all still learning how best to solve all this...

Apart from that, there is only the usual standard information at the moment:

- 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!**
- As long as there are no copy shops, the already known solution applies to the **submission of theses**: You upload your thesis in the 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. If you receive printed copies again, you must send the two printed copies by post or submit them via the **TUD's deadline mailbox** (<https://tud.link/4and>). Furthermore, you have to submit an electronic version of your work on CD or stick, the declarations of independence have to 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.

Finally, as always, please note: If you have questions and concerns about the whole 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 (as opposed to the normal use of the Kummerkasten).

So much for now, let's fight on together to make the best of the situation.

And - stay healthy!

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