Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

eight weeks of the semester are behind us, it's now really summer outside and the beer gardens are open again - that's actually quite a good overall situation, but please remain mindful - both in terms of the virus and with a view to your studies and don't let anything go to waste at this point!

Today, only briefly the most important points on the current situation:

• The **pre-publication of the currently planned examination dates** at [https://tu-dresden.de/ing/maschinenwesen/studium/beratung-und-service/pruefungsamt/pruefungen/pruefungstermine](https://tu-dresden.de/ing/maschinenwesen/studium/beratung-und-service/pruefungsamt/pruefungen/pruefungstermine) (which is not yet the absolute final status, as we do not yet have room allocations) gives a good first impression for planning.

• The **examination period** itself in Mechanical Engineering will run from **Monday, 26.07.2021, to Saturday, 21.08.2021**, and will therefore be completely normal, which means that there should be no problems with work placements, etc. The **enrolment period** is from **Monday, 21.06.2021, to Sunday, 11.07.2021**.

• As last summer, the **specialist internships in the 7th semester** can also be completed at chairs of the TU Dresden. The already established **notice board with corresponding internship offers** can be found in the Opal course at [https://tud.link/vwta](https://tud.link/vwta) - new offers are added here regularly - it's always worth browsing!

• Please remember that you need a university supervisor even if you are doing an internship in a company or at a research institute. You should find one before you start your internship!

• A problem that has recently arisen in a few places concerns the fact that students in the diploma or diploma postgraduate studies in the pandemic period may not be able to complete the 2 **compulsory excursions** required by the research internship module, or may only be able to complete them in part. The following solution is available: You can either apply to the examination office to waive the compulsory excursion days or to have participation in virtual events (e.g. ACHEMA or similar).
taken into account as excursion days (proof of participation via the invitation email to the event and/or screenshot as confirmation of participation).

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

- Unfortunately, the university still exists in an essentially digital world and therefore the examination office also operates digitally. Therefore, as always, we urgently request that you **only send applications etc. by e-mail!**
- For the **submission of theses and supporting documents**, please note once again the change that with the fact that the world outside the university is coming back to life, submission can be made in the form required by the examination regulations, namely 2 printed copies via the TUD deadline mailbox ([https://tud.link/4and](https://tud.link/4and)) or by post. The transition period from the previous solution via OwnCloud will continue until 30.06.2021.

And finally, I would like to point out the web-based solution for the timetables, the current test version of which can be found at [http://stundenplan.mw.tu-dresden.de/](http://stundenplan.mw.tu-dresden.de/); at the moment with the data of the 6th semester. Here you can select one of the schedules and then make your own changes/additions via Edit. And in the long run, all courses should also be linked to the Opal links (in some places this is already the case, then there is a small string of letters in the top right corner that you can click on). Just try it out and report feedback directly to Mr. Ortlieb, who developed the site (mail under "About the site"). We urgently need this in order to get the whole thing up and running for the winter semester!

So much for today, enjoy the hopefully sunny weekend and stay healthy!

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