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Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

You have already received an important email from Ms Herzog-Schaudick today - information on the start of exam registration. Now that the semester is coming to an end, this is of course the most important topic of all, so please read it very carefully!

Here are the most important points again in brief:

- The examination period itself, as already reported, will run from Monday,
 26.07.2021, to Saturday, 21.08.2021, in Mechanical Engineering, and will therefore be quite normal, which means that there should be no problems with internships etc.
 The enrolment period starts next Monday, 21.06.2021, and runs until Sunday,
 11.07.2021.
- To our great regret, the system support did not provide us with all **examination numbers for the examinations located in the catalogues** in time. We hope that the numbers will still come and that we will also have online registration for the outstanding examinations available from the second week of examination enrolment. If which we hope is not the case this registration is still not possible in the third week, we will have to fall back on the classic variant: In this case, please use a registration form.
- The modules marked with "S" in the schedule of the PO 2014 in the MB and VNT postgraduate studies are also not yet mapped in the system; for these registrations, we also hope that registration will be possible from the second week of exam enrolment. And here too: If this should still not be the case in the third week, please use an enrolment form here too.
- Very important in all these cases: **Please wait a little longer**. The more we can regulate via the system, the better and I will always report the latest water level here!
- Any **changes to exam formats** due to Covid-19 can be found in the exam date listings.
- There you will also find information on the **online mock exams**. Please make sure to make use of these opportunities!



- From the last few emails, it could be seen that there were problems with some of the
 exams and that there were cancellations. Last Tuesday, we had a lengthy discussion
 with the Vice-Rector for Education and a solution was found for the **Fundamentals of**Internal Combustion Engines exam, so that it will probably be possible for everyone
 (including repeaters) who wants to take it.
- I.e. this problem seems to be solved and if you have difficulties because of the exams from electrical engineering not being offered, please contact our examination office directly we will find a way!

One question, coupled with the **exam enrolments** and the **PO transition**, concerns the 8th semester in particular: Originally, the completion of the PO transition was planned for last summer. Then Corona came, the situation became opaque and in order to avoid damage and allow for smooth transitions, we have had to push the transfer back. Now the story should (and must) be finalised at the end of the semester, i.e. when all grades from SoSem21 are available - there have been enough fallback options so that we can now cross the finish line without Corona damage. I.e. for those who still have **open examinations according to the old PO - plan the exams strategically**. And if you have done everything according to plan in the 8th semester? Then you can register for the examinations as planned in this examination period after PO2019. The transfer of the work already completed will then take place within the framework of the entire transfer action, presumably in October. There will be time windows in which we formally complete the transfers, depending on the progress of the studies. But you don't need to worry about that - it's a problem on our side ;-).

Another question that I am often asked concerns the **hybrid events in the current semester** and what awaits us in the winter. You may have already read the circular from the Vice-Rector for Education and are now wondering (like me) - what's next? I can't say at the moment to what extent we will still be doing hybrid events this semester - for me, the possibility of offering hybrid formats, which was opened up in the email, was new, even though we had only talked to the PB on Tuesday. And we will now have to coordinate within the faculty and then see who might want to offer something. At the moment, I assume that corresponding offers can start from 28.06.21 at the earliest.

And the coming **winter semester**: I'm preparing - if the Corona situation doesn't explode again like last autumn - for hybrid events, with reduced seating in the lecture halls. At the moment, I can't say exactly how this will work out, because we don't yet know what we will have available in terms of seats/halls.

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

- The **specialised internships in the 7th semester** can also be completed at TU Dresden chairs, just like last summer. And the **notice board with corresponding internship offers**, which you can find in the Opal course at https://tud.link/vwta, is constantly filling up.
- 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 once again be made in the form required by the examination
 regulations, namely 2 printed copies via the TUD deadline mailbox
 (https://tud.link/4and) or by post. The transition period from the previous solution
 via OwnCloud will continue until 30.06.2021.

So much for today, enjoy the sunny weekend,

stay healthy and try to get vaccination appointments. Now that the prioritisation has been lifted, this is possible, and appointments are actually always available, even in Dresden. And only the most comprehensive vaccination possible gives us a really good chance that the situation will not escalate again in autumn and thus also a chance to be able to make university properly again!

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