Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

with the nice weather and the falling incidence figures, improvements are now showing everywhere, including at the university, giving the impression of a return to normality ;-) - let's hope it stays that way...

Normality also means that the problems we have around teaching are no longer 100% pandemic-related, but that completely normal things play a role again. Here are the most important points:

- The **exam period** will be from **Monday 26.07.2021 to Saturday 21.08.2021** in Mechanical Engineering, as already reported several times, and thus harmless for internships etc.. The **enrolment period** runs until **Sunday, 11.07.2021**. That is now only one week away, which means it is time to complete the story!
- Unfortunately, we still do not have an integration in the system ☹ for the **modules marked with "S" in the PO 2014** in the **MB and VNT postgraduate studies**. We hope that this will work out soon. Please wait until Tuesday evening, if it still doesn't work then please register from Wednesday onwards using the registration form!
- Any **changes to exam formats** due to Covid-19 can still 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!

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, just got new topics again today.
- 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**!

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For the **submission of theses and supporting documents**, please note that as of Thursday, the normal procedure required by the examination regulations applies again. This means that 2 printed copies must be handed in via the TUD's deadline letterbox (https://tud.link/4and) or by post.

Once again, I would like to repeat my urgent call for vaccination. Currently, there are plenty of vaccination appointments available in Saxony. (As of just now: just under 23,000 throughout Saxony and of these just under 3,500 in Dresden and Pirna, so easily accessible). As of next Wednesday, all vaccines are to be vaccinated freely, even without an appointment (although I would always recommend appointments...). i.e. at the moment it is easier than ever in this crisis to get some protection against the virus. And the question of how many are vaccinated will largely determine what happens in the pandemic in autumn. And thus it will also be very important for the question of whether we can make "real university" again!

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

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