Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

today was the end of the lecture period of this largely digital summer semester and with it the examination period begins. In the last few weeks, it has become quieter around the overall problem of how we can make teaching possible under pandemic conditions. That's good, and it also allows me to reduce the density of the info mails considerably. From now on, there will only be an email if there are very urgent points that need to be communicated at very short notice. Otherwise, we will be quiet until shortly before the start of the winter semester, until there is really new and reliable information about how the winter semester will run. If this information is available sooner, I will also contact you sooner so that it is easier for you to plan for the winter semester.

In the meantime, I will continue to monitor the Kummerkasten - at least until the end of the core exam period - in order to be able to help in case there are problems somewhere during the exam period - in other words, get rid of things that are urgent here - that's the most direct way at the moment!

Otherwise, there is the usual standard info and some news and information that is also important:

- 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.
- In addition to the specialised internships and the corresponding positions, the topic of **SHK positions** is also significantly affected by the pandemic. How are we supposed to know where and what SHK positions are available, who is still looking for tutors, etc.? To get to grips with this, there will be a **notice board in the central course "Mechanical Engineering without Lecture Hall"** from the weekend onwards, and there will be at least one advertisement there!
- 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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• The International Office is still looking for tutors for the coming winter semester to introduce and supervise international students from the Mechanical Engineering Department. This is a very important offer from the university to introduce international students to the TUD. The job advertisement can be found here: https://tud.link/ppr9. Attention - this is really urgent! **Application deadline is 26.07.21!!** A highly recommendable event where you can meet new people and make international contacts!

• And for those who will be working as tutorial tutors in the coming winter semester, I would like to remind you of our MW tutor training "How To". You can register via Opal at https://tud.link/zkh8. The programme makes teaching easier and more successful and is - so we are always told ;-) - fun all round. I would be happy if many (all) of you would participate here!

• As a final point, something completely different, but something that might make some of you want to browse. At the beginning of the last winter semester, we launched a conference series - Lessons Learned - in which the exchange about digital teaching formats is to take place. This conference series (which you can also watch on YouTube) has had its own official journal format for a few days now, which you can access Open Access at https://journals.qucosa.de/ll. The first volume covers most of what was said in the first two conferences and gives a good insight into what was started at our faculty during that time. Quite exciting, I think ;-)...

That's all for today, I wish you a successful exam period, enjoy the weekend and stay healthy!

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