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Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

one more week until the start of the winter semester 2021/22, one more week until we can experience university a bit more normal again than in the last 18 months. A little more normal - that is, it's not quite the same as it was before Corona. And how exactly - I don't know yet either.

The question of how the **3G rules** are handled and checked on campus is also a huge issue for us, on the teaching side, where we are more than urgently waiting for final information from the university management. As soon as I know something, I'll let you know. But - one thing is for sure: the best thing is to get vaccinated, save the proof in your mobile phone and that's it. With the cell phone storage the thing is always handy and the vaccination is not only the only chance to create a certain protection against Covid-19 in normal living conditions, it is also a necessary step within the community we live in. Only if everyone (or at least as many as possible) cooperates here, a certain degree of safety and normality for all is possible. From there my urgent recommendation - if you are not vaccinated yet (which I don't assume): use the offers that TU will make available in the next two weeks!

Regardless of all the issues of vaccination, testing, and control of security, one thing is very clear, we will have a semester with restrictions on attendance and that means it will be a **hybrid semester**. What that means is up to the instructors in the courses, as I mentioned earlier: it may simply be the canned lecture elaborately created in Corona days, it may be a recording, it may be a live stream. Information about what will happen in your courses, I can not give at this time - that can only the relevant teachers, because with them lies the responsibility and implementation of the design of the hybrid semester!

So the closest you can get to what it looks like in the individual courses is the corresponding Opal courses. Which leads us to a second question that I have been asked a lot in the last few days (sorry for not answering all the mails personally - I have organized a big conference in the last few days, which I have been doing for more than 20 years always shortly before the beginning of the semester, besides all the coordination around teaching there is also a second, scientific, part of my life, which has been neglected in the last 18 months, and this conference was really an important and urgent matter...): **How's the Opal course list looking?** Actually not bad, but we are still waiting

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for some information. Due to the new PO there have been many changes, so the list from last winter doesn't help anymore. We have now - thanks to Mr. Hensch - collected a lot and on the weekend I will finish a first version of the list (just with gaps, in the places where we are missing feedback) and file it in the course Mechanical Engineering without Lecture Hall (<https://tud.link/pu2y>). So just have a look tomorrow evening or on Sunday...

Other than that, there's the usual standard info, but it's important too:

- Very important: the **FSR is still looking for helpers for the ESE events**. They will run much more normally again this year and it would be great if many people could be found who would be willing to welcome our first-year students to the faculty!
- At the moment, the university still exists in the digital world and therefore the examination office also operates digitally. Therefore, as always, the urgent request: Send **applications, etc. currently only by mail!** But: there will be a return to face-to-face counselling at the beginning of the lecture period. More details will follow.
- Urgent attention should be paid to the mail regarding the **catalog modules** that came yesterday from Ms. Herzog-Schaudick. No matter how the semester goes: The catalogs will be decided on 20.10.21 in the study committee!
- And if you want to get an overview of what is happening in our faculty, but also elsewhere at the TUD and also at other universities in terms of digital/hybrid teaching, I recommend taking a look at the next **Lessons Learned Conference** (https://bit.ly/Lessons_Learned_Konferenz) on 7/8.10.21....

So much for today, let's hope for a winter term as present as possible and stay healthy!

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