Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

first of all, in this last Infomail before the start of the lecture period in the winter semester 2021/22, I would like to once again warmly welcome all those who are starting their studies here at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at TU Dresden this semester. We have already done this in the lecture hall, but in case someone was unable to come, the welcome event is now also available on YouTube at https://youtu.be/FrhnlDLpB2s.

As I said, again, very warmly:

Welcome to Mechanical Engineering

and

a successful study!

And in this context, I would like to point out once again, that you should definitely use your TU e-mail address! This is where all the latest news comes in, it’s the central communication channel for everything to do with your studies (of course, if you’re reading this email now, you’ve done the right thing anyway, so keep it and point it out to your fellow students).

And that brings us to the latest news and the things that are important for the start of the coming lecture period:

- Most importantly, it will be a hybrid semester where we will hopefully have lots and lots of face-to-face teaching and finally see each other on campus again!
- What this hybrid structure will look like will vary from course to course - please be sure to check the Opal courses before the first lecture in each course to see what the structure will look like and whether you may still need to enrol specially for the face-to-face courses at any point!
- The Opal course list in the Mechanical Engineering without Lecture Hall (https://tud.link/pu2y) course has just been freshly updated again. I.e. there you will find quick and easy access to the Opal courses you need!
- The timetables can be found in the new timetable app at http://stundenplan.mw.tu-dresden.de.

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• The prerequisite for participation in attendance events is the so-called 3G status. I.e. you must be vaccinated, recovered from Covid-19 or freshly tested! This is your responsibility to make sure you meet the 3G rules and there will definitely be random checks! So please make sure you carry the relevant proof with you when attending events. And since it is likely that at some point the free tests will disappear, I strongly recommend getting vaccinated!

• With regard to the lists of catalogue modules, I would like to remind you of the circular email from Ms Herzog-Schaudick dated 30.09.2021 (information on this topic can also be found here: https://tud.link/ls74).

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

• The Examination Office is currently still operating digitally. Therefore, as always, we urgently request that you only send applications etc. by e-mail at the moment! But: we are currently planning a return to face-to-face counselling at the beginning of the lecture period. More details will probably be available next week.

• For those who are going into the coming winter semester as exercise tutors, we would like to point out our MW tutor training "How To". At the moment, you can still 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!

That's it for today, I wish you a great start to the winter semester. Stay healthy!

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