Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

Today there are only a few news, but they are still important:

- First of all, some information about the catalogue modules: the catalogues have been decided by the Study Commission and will be published on the pages of the Examinations Office (https://bit.ly/TUD-MW-Kataloge) at the beginning of next week.

- A very important point concerns a frequently occurring problem in hybrid teaching: What do you do if you have to go to an online lecture immediately after a face-to-face lecture and the 20-minute break is not enough to get home? There is now a solution: the Studentenwerk Dresden offers the possibility of using the dining halls as common rooms and thus as video lecture rooms outside of the core lunch period from 11.30 to 13.30 hrs. Just remember to bring headphones ;-).

Apart from that, a few more pieces of information that are also important:

- As already mentioned last week, the Examinations Office will offer face-to-face counselling again. However, this will only happen from week 44, i.e. from 02.11.2021! So please do not be surprised if you have already requested an appointment that you have not yet received an appointment for next week, because nothing is possible yet, but the requests are of course recorded and will be taken into account from week 44.

Briefly about the procedure:

  o If you have a problem that you would like to discuss with the Examinations Office in person the following week, please send an e-mail with a detailed explanation of your problem to praesenzberatung.mw@tu-dresden.de by Thursday evening of the previous week (by 17:00 at the latest).
  o On Friday, you will receive an e-mail in which you will be assigned an appointment on the following Tuesday afternoon, if this can be arranged.
  o The face-to-face counselling can only happen on this exact date.
It is clear that 3G status is required for face-to-face counselling and masks are compulsory.

Please be sure to limit requests for face-to-face counselling to problems that are guaranteed not to be solved by mail! There are very few appointment slots and we have to make a selection if there are too many requests! And this will initially be on a first-come, first-served basis...

The examination office will therefore continue to operate digitally to a large extent. Therefore, as always, we urgently request that you only send applications etc. by e-mail at the moment!

Finally, two points:

- Many of you took part in the survey https://bit.ly/Maschinenwesen, but there is no clear picture. We have a slight overhang for the variant "Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering" and that's why we've stuck with it for now. I will probably change it back and forth according to percentages in the vote (which remains open) ;-).

- Then another important point: Some have already noticed - the Lernraum was not active this week. Why? Because we don't have tutors for it at the moment. Therefore 2 hints (a) no Lernraum at the moment - we will inform you as soon as the situation is better again and (b) we are looking for 2 tutors for the Lernraum (from semester 5 and fit in the questions of the first 4 semesters, whereby mathematics is not running in our learning room). If you are interested, please send me an email - the sooner we have tutors the better!

- And finally, the note again: If you have questions and concerns about the whole Corona situation with regard to teaching, please send them to kummerkasten-mw@tu-dresden.de, using your TUD mail address without exception (as opposed to the normal use of the suggestion box).

So much for today,
stay healthy!

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