Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

today’s mail comes at an unusual time - in the middle of the week and thus as a substitute for last Friday and next Friday. And there are good reasons for that, because there are news that fit ideally today:

- First of all, a very important and pleasant information - some had already noticed that the Lernraum MW was in the timetables, but was not active. The reason was simple - there was a lack of tutors. This has now been successfully solved and Mr. Krebs will be in charge of the Lernraum from tomorrow onwards, i.e. from tomorrow onwards you can meet there to solve problems! And to pass on news about the learning room there is an associated Opal course which can be found at https://tud.link/z89r. Have fun practicing together!!!

- A second important point concerns the university elections, which are coming up at the end of the year. First of all, this is a call to participate in the election by all means! Your representatives in the academic bodies - in the faculty council, but also in the senate, need a real mandate if they want to act successfully. And this is not possible with a single-digit turnout! Therefore, an urgent call to participate in the elections. And to do that, this year you need to request the absentee ballot documents. If you want them mailed, that request must be made by Friday, 05/11/2021. The information and the request can be found here: https://tud.link/z7ab.

- And finally, an important point around the PO transfer. Here, the work in the examination office is now running at full speed and actually we would have to close the examination office for all other activities for 2 weeks. Of course we don’t want to do that. However, in order to be able to handle the daily business and the PO transfer at the same time, we urgently need your help. Please contact the examination office in the next weeks only when it is really necessary. Everything that you can solve via the website info, via the information that we regularly give out (https://tud.link/5zbg), etc. should be done without contacting the examination office!

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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 Kummerkasten).

That's all for today,
please continue to be healthy and keep your fingers crossed that we can continue to do face-to-face teaching!

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