Dear Maschinenwesen,

(the other form of address today - with almost 40% of the vote in favour of today's form of address, a considerable proportion of the votes went in this direction, which is why this now comes up occasionally ;-) in the current situation, it is extremely difficult to make any predictions about how the semester will continue.

As of today, Saxony is in the so-called "overload stage", the infection figures are frightening and hospital occupancy is worrying. At the same time, our 3G status checks have shown that around 95% of you are vaccinated. This means that the risks in face-to-face teaching, despite all the new record numbers outside the university, are fortunately very manageable and we hope that we can continue with hybrid teaching in its current form in the coming weeks.

Otherwise, there are a number of points that we need to briefly address today, some of which relate to the PO change:

- The PO transition is - and you should keep this in mind - a multi-stage process in which not only our examination office is involved. This multi-stage nature and the extremely high effort involved in individual case decisions mean that it will definitely take until the start of exam enrolment (10.01.22 to 23.01.2022) for the WiSem 2021/22 until all students have been processed.

- In this context, it is very important that you deal with rejections of examination results for the 2021 semester now, even if the deadline is actually 31 March 2022. In many cases, this is relevant for the PO transition, and it is also important for the correct counting of examination attempts for the next registration attempt in the 2021/22 semester.

- In this context, I would like to reiterate my appeal from the last email: In the Examinations Office, the work around the PO transfer is running at full speed and in absolute overload - you could say "it's a madhouse". 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 Examinations Office in the next few weeks when and only when it is really absolutely necessary. Everything you can do via
the website info, via the information we regularly give out (https://tud.link/5zbg), etc. should be done without contacting the examination office!

With a view to the coming examination period, there are also a few points that are important:

- There is now an **advance publication of the examination dates**, which you can use as a guide for your planning (https://tud.link/3513).
- Students in **postgraduate studies** must absolutely inform Selma of their **field of study**, otherwise it is not possible to enrol for examinations in Selma (https://tud.link/1qf).
- In the **postgraduate programme, module registration** is also only possible with the start of exam enrolment in Selma.
- In the **diploma degree programmes**, the **intermediate certificate** must be applied for when the necessary achievements are reached (applications, depending on the PO/programme can be found here: https://tud.link/5zbg) - here, the notification of the field of study for the study from the 5th semester onwards is also made at the same time.
- If you need the **interim certificate** urgently, this is - in view of the pandemic situation - currently only possible via postal dispatch. You would have to state this when submitting the application and provide your current address!
- If you would like to inform us of your **field of study without** having achieved the **intermediate certificate** or if you are studying in the Bachelor’s programme and would like to enter the profile recommendation, please use the following form: https://tud.link/1qf.

And then two points of a more general nature:

- First of all, a reminder - now very urgent - about the **university elections** that are coming up. On the one hand, 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 that is not possible with a single-digit turnout! Therefore, an urgent call to participate in the elections. And to do so, you have to **request the postal voting documents** this year. This is now only possible for collection and must be done by 20.11.2021. The information and the request can be found here: https://tud.link/z7ab. And the ballot must be cast by 25.11.2021 - this can be done via the deadline letterbox (https://tud.link/4and) and the ballot papers must have landed in it by 15:00 on 25.11.2021!
- Currently and in view of the pandemic situation, **final theses** are submitted via the TUD's deadline letterbox: You must send the two printed copies by post or submit
them via the TUD's deadline letterbox (https://tud.link/4and). In addition to the printed copies, an electronic version of your work on CD or stick must be submitted, the declarations of independence must be included and signed. The two copies will be sent to the professorship by the examination office. Anything put in the deadline letterbox by 23:59 on the day of submission is on time and will be under the flap from 00:00. If possible, please use two envelopes if your papers are somewhat thicker and address them to Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Examinations Office. In the case of postal delivery, the date of posting counts. The transcripts of the final papers are available digitally and do not have to be submitted by you. The correct postal address for postal delivery is Technische Universität Dresden, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Examinations Office, 01062 Dresden.

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).

So much for today, please continue to stay healthy and keep your fingers crossed that we can continue to do face-to-face teaching!

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