Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

it's that time again - we are starting a new semester. It starts on Monday and for many of you it will be the first "normal" semester at the university, because the primacy of face-to-face courses was confirmed again today by the university management! This means that we will essentially return to normal attendance in the faculty. Whether and to what extent digital components - e.g. video recordings of lectures or similar - will be offered in individual courses is not something I can say from a central point of view. This is up to the individual lecturers, so you will have to ask them or find out from the Opal courses, which you can find in the Opal course list (which has just been updated) in our general overview course "Teaching in Mechanical Engineering" at https://tud.link/4vkn.

With regard to the implementation of this face-to-face teaching, questions arise about the tests and the masks. Both are no longer obligatory for the time being - due to the legal situation. However, the university management stated in today's circular that they assume that everyone will continue to test and that FFP2 masks will continue to be worn indoors - e.g. during lectures - voluntarily... And it was also hinted that otherwise, if necessary, a mask obligation will be enforced by house rules. For the time being, we can only take note of this and I assume that we will have to live with the masks for at least the first few weeks.

The timetables, which you need for your scheduling, can be found at http://stundenplan.mw.tu-dresden.de/, as mentioned 14 days ago.

Of course, the catalogues for the catalogue modules, which you can find at https://tud.link/ls74, are also important for preparing the semester. Remember to apply in good time for subjects you want to take that are not in the catalogues, because only subjects that are in the catalogue at the end can actually be taken for the respective module. The deadline for this is 08.04.22! (It is also worth taking a look at the circular email from 22.03.22).

Finally, please note that the new detailed schedules are available at https://tud.link/a7ra. Since some things have changed, it is worth checking what is new or different in your field of study!

Otherwise, as always, please note: If you have any questions or concerns about the whole Corona situation (which, unfortunately, is not really over yet) 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 (the mail was NOT an April Fool's joke ;-)) and now I wish you a good start into the new semester on Monday!

Stay healthy!

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