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Dear machine beings,

three weeks have passed since the last email, the Whitsun week has invited us to relax and now we are entering the final spurt of the term. The final spurt also means that we are entering the phase of exam registration! **On Monday, 20.06.2022, the registration for exams will start and by 03.07.2022 at the latest**, you should have made a final decision as to which exams you will take this semester. Of course, everything should go according to plan ;-)

Two issues that also affect examinations - and especially those that extend over a long period of time, i.e. Bachelor's, Diploma and Master's theses, project work in the subject and research internship module - are related, on the one hand, to the constant supply problems with almost everything and, on the other hand, to the fundamental choice of topics.

Let's start with the last-mentioned point: this applies in particular to the **diploma theses** - here the examination board has recently noticed that there are sometimes topics for which one cannot recognise, even after a long look, that they have anything to do with mechanical engineering (regardless of which of its directions). You should make sure that the topic makes it clear that you have written a thesis that qualifies you as a graduate engineer. Otherwise, there is a risk that you will fall through the cracks in application processes because it is simply not apparent which engineering-specific qualifications you acquired in the major final phase!

The other point concerns the current problem that in all scientific work - especially in the experimental field - delays can occur because some components cannot be delivered. So that the work does not then drag on indefinitely, you should already discuss with your supervisors when defining the task what **Plan B** looks like, i.e. how the topic can be rerouted if such a delay really does occur, which could lead to significant problems for the work!

Finally, I have been asked to do a little publicity for a survey. As part of a Master's thesis, the aim is to investigate what expectations those of you who are in the last third of your studies have of future employers and how these expectations may have changed as a result of the pandemic phase (home office,...). Certainly an exciting question to which you can make your contribution at <https://tud.link/dokk>.

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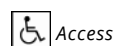
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Finally, one more request - you will all have seen that the incidences in Dresden are currently rising rapidly again. With a view to the coming winter semester, this is definitely a serious issue and my request is that you do not simply believe that the "pandemic is over" but remain reasonably cautious and, especially if any symptoms appear, test and ensure that you do not spread the C unnecessarily. After all, we want to be able to teach face-to-face in winter...

So much for today, enjoy the summer weekend, find a shady spot by the lake or in the beer garden (just to catch up on last week's lectures, of course) and stay healthy!

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