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Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

it's getting cold outside, the Christmas markets are open and the panic about Christmas presents is growing exponentially - the year is obviously coming to an end... And the end of the year always brings some important things with it and it also foreshadows other important things (e.g. the upcoming exam period). So today I'd like to share some news about the things that are coming up and some other important information:

- The first point is really time-critical, and it is also of very fundamental importance: the **university elections** are coming up in December. The Faculty Council will be newly elected, and your representatives on the Faculty Council and the committees will also be up for election. This is important because your representatives have the task of representing student interests in the faculty and university committees - for example, in the current discussion about the design of the new Master's degree programs. In order for them to do this effectively, they need broad support from you - and broad support means: a high voter turnout is required! Therefore, here is the information on when and where you can vote:
  - **Tuesday, 10.12.2024**, 9:00-15:00 HSZ/007/E and 18:00-18:45 HSZ/002/E (after the MAT lecture)
  - **Wednesday, 11.12.2024**, 9:00-15:00 HSZ/007/E
  - **Thursday, 12.12.2024**, 9:00-16:40 HSZ/007/E

That's a wide range of times, so everyone should be able to find an opportunity to go and vote. I think 30% voter turnout should be possible - right?

- I already pointed out last time that we have published the **exam dates**, currently still without time and rooms, at <https://tud.link/gagksd>. Please check the dates regularly, as changes can still occur!
- The next point is a result of conversations I had last week. These conversations were about helping fellow students of yours whose studies are at risk - for a variety of reasons - to get things back on track. Unfortunately, it has become clear time and time again that the longer you leave problems unresolved, the bigger they get and the more difficult they become to solve. This brings me to the real point I want to make here: If something is not going smoothly for you at any point in your studies - **come early and get advice!!!** The earlier you come, the easier it will usually be to find solutions! And I don't just mean that as a saying from the crowd of all sayings: I see it as my job to ensure that you are successful here at the faculty!

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- And when it comes to advising, the office hours of the Examination Office are of course important, which I would like to remind you of here:
  - Tuesday: 09:00 - 11:30 and 13:00 - 17:00 (deviating with Ms. Maus 12:30 to 14:00)
  - Thursday: 09:00 - 11:30 and 13:00 - 15:30 (deviating for Ms. Maus - no office hours)
  - Monday, Wednesday and Friday: Appointments for urgent matters by prior arrangement.
  - Telephone calls can only be answered to a limited extent during opening hours. Therefore, please call outside these hours.
  - Ms. Maus is currently not in the building, Ms. Herzog-Schaudick is standing in for her.

Those were the important points for this weekend, and in the next few days this mail should be available again as a podcast at <https://spoti.fi/3rM07Tf> on Spotify or on Castbox via [https://bit.ly/Studiendekan-On-AIR\\_castbox](https://bit.ly/Studiendekan-On-AIR_castbox).

So far for now, I wish you a friendly St. Nicholas and a happy 2nd Advent.  
Yours

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