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Dear students of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,

at the beginning of each semester, these evening emails tend to come a bit more frequently, as there's always a range of news to share — often on short notice.

Let's start with something that really is time-sensitive and may affect your semester planning:

- The Study Commission and the Faculty Council have now officially approved the **catalogs for the elective modules**, available at <https://tud.link/ls74>. If you submitted any requests, please check carefully whether your proposed courses have been included! And even if you didn't file any requests, make sure that the course you're currently attending is actually listed in the catalog — you don't want to find out at the end of the term that your hard-earned exam result doesn't count toward your electives...
- A quick note on **advising opportunities**: At the end of November, we'll be offering a coordinated "Advising Week" for all students who feel that their studies aren't running as smoothly as they should (or for whom we notice that this might be the case ;-)). If you would like to talk things through, please contact Ms. Herzog-Schaudick (ivonne.herzog-schaudick@tu-dresden.de) soon!
- Another exciting topic that may feature in your study plans is **study abroad opportunities via ERASMUS+**. The Faculty's Erasmus+ Info Session will take place on **Thursday, 27 November 2025, from 16:40 in ZEÜ/148**. The session will cover the application process, funding options and top-ups, as well as how credits for study and exam achievements can be transferred. The event also marks the start of the application period. The **deadline for Erasmus+ applications is 7 February 2026**. More details can be found at <https://tud.link/9rrw>. A study abroad experience is something truly special — one you really shouldn't miss!

Finally, a few words about the **Examination Office Bot** that I mentioned earlier. We're now at a point where we can start exploring how AI and large language models can be used to support you individually with all study-related questions. When I say "start," that means the bot is still in an early learning phase. So, its answers are not yet fully reliable (and definitely not legally binding). To make it better, it needs your input — we need to see the kinds of questions you ask and how well it responds.

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At the moment, the bot already knows the examination regulations, study regulations, and study schedules; module descriptions will follow next.

So, here's my request: please try it out under <https://metis.scads.ai/topics/pa/chat/> and ask your questions! Each question helps us train and refine the system. As mentioned, we're still in the testing and learning phase — I'll let you know once we believe the main learning process is complete.

One more thing: **the bot still needs a name!** A few suggestions have already come in, but I'm collecting a few more before we open the vote. Feel free to send your ideas to stefan.odenbach@tu-dresden.de.

That's all for now — wishing you a relaxing weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Stefan Odenbach