

Dear university members,

the first two weeks of the summer term are behind us and we all feel how different this summer semester actually feels. We struggle with the pitfalls of technology. We find that due to the special challenges of online teaching, we invest a lot more time in the preparation and follow-up of the classes and seminars (this affects both students and teachers). But we may also discover opportunities in the unusual forms of learning and work, see unexpected potential and possibly develop completely new ideas.

With regard to the high workload caused by the change in teaching, I ask you: Let us all keep in touch and tell each other about it. Nothing has to be perfect in this unusual semester. There is no such expectation. Please be accordingly friendly with yourself. Make sure there is enough time away from the computer and find out what else can be experienced beside the crisis in these special weeks: a beneficial deceleration of our society.

Change of lecture times in the winter semester

After the framework had been changed again in the past two weeks, we adjusted the lecture times for the coming winter semester in the last rector's meeting together with the spokesmen of the institutes: As originally planned, the lecture period in the winter semester will now start in early October 2020 and will last until the end of January 2021 – including a longer break over Christmas. Before the start of the lecture period, there will be the already announced catch-up period for face-to-face teaching in September. Here is an overview of the data:

Catch-up period for face-to-face teaching: 01.09.-02.10.2020

Lecture period in the winter semester: 05.10.2020-29.01.2021

Break during the Christmas season: 12.12.2020-03.01.2021

Limited practising opportunities as a further step towards normalization

After resuming the lending operations of our university library, we will take another tentative step on the long way back to normality from Monday onwards: For those students who want to complete their artistic degree in the current semester and do not have their own instruments and possibility to practice at home, there is the opportunity to practise in the hmt-building under limited conditions.

Corona Aid Fund

The call initiated by Stephan Imorde to set up a Corona aid fund has reached a first milestone: With the help of the donations received, a total of 50 students and lecturers have been helped quickly so far. Many thanks to all donors and to those involved in the awarding committee.

The University's Senate has a new chair

Last week, Karola Theill was elected as the new chair of the University's Senate and will keep this position for the next two years. Despite the Corona crisis, the Senate continues to meet regularly. The videoconference sessions always take place on the first Wednesday of the month from 5 to 7 p.m. The sessions are still open to all the university

members. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to karola.theill@hmt-rostock.de

New regulations for the appointment of professors

At the last meeting, the Senate approved new professors' appointment regulations for the hmt. This new version strengthens the rights of the Senate by providing greater participation. The full text of the new appointment code can be found here

[https://www.hmt-rostock.de/storages/hmt-rostock/5 Aktuelles Service/Freie Stellen/Berufungsordnung vom 30. April 2020.pdf](https://www.hmt-rostock.de/storages/hmt-rostock/5%20Aktuelles%20Service/Freie%20Stellen/Berufungsordnung%20vom%2030.%20April%202020.pdf)

Introduction of promotional teaching contracts

In addition, the rector's meeting has decided to introduce so-called promotional teaching contracts (Förderlehraufträge). In addition to normal teaching assignments, the Förderlehrauftrag is an instrument for qualifying young academics, especially in the artistic field. This is intended to give suitable graduates the opportunity to teach under certain conditions, even without an open call for applications. Such a teaching contract runs for a minimum of three and a maximum of five years. After that, the teaching position must be announced publicly in the usual way. You can find the exact conditions here

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Concerts and special events

The lectures, the administration and the committee work continue as best as possible. But we all know that our university lives very strongly from the many concerts, drama performances and special events. The forced cancellations hit us hard. We are currently considering which events can be set up in the second half of the year. To make matters worse, we all do not know under what conditions gatherings will be possible then. We will probably all have to adjust to smaller formats for a while. But we will continue to plan in the hope of a bit more normal life soon.

Best wishes and stay healthy



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