Information concerning measures to compensate for disadvantages arising from the student tutor strike

Dear Students,

Tutorials have had to be canceled in recent weeks and months at TU Berlin, with a number of chairs being affected to different degrees. Additionally, for periods of time, spaces such as PC rooms and labs have not been accessible or usable, the library has been closed and consultation and office hours not offered. I am sure that there were also many highly dedicated students among you who, as a result of your strike, did not attend lectures and seminars which actually did take place.

In collaboration with representatives of the student body, the following measures have been discussed to compensate you for any disadvantages suffered by you personally resulting from this situation. Teaching staff and examination boards have also been provided with this information.

Our common goal is to enable modules to be completed in the current semester and to avoid any delays to your degree program.

It will unfortunately, however, not be possible to do this in all cases. Some of the canceled tutorials will have to be made up during the recess or in the following semester and the correction period extended if required, meaning that it seems likely we will be dealing with the consequences of the strike for some time to come.

General rules:

It is important that you present the specific disadvantages as they apply to you which have arisen as a result of the strike; in other words if you do wish to take advantage of the options specified here, please ensure that you explain exactly how your preparation for the relevant module examination or your current examination results have been affected by the strike.

Being affected by the strike held by student employees is classified as a valid reason (for compensation for disadvantages) in accordance with Section 50 (3) of the General Study Regulations (AllgStuPO). You are regarded as having been affected if, for example, classes or tutorials have been canceled, it has not been possible for you to use essential facilities (labs, study spaces), examinations have
been postponed and you are not able to attend the re-scheduled date. You are also regarded as having been affected if the form of examination has been altered as a consequence of the strike.

If you have actually taken or do take an examination, then the examination or modular examination is regarded definitively as taken. **Compensation for disadvantages does not apply retroactively.**

Teaching staff / examiners in modules which have been affected by the strike are requested, as far as this is possible and reasonable, to amend the content of the examination appropriately, reduce or waive the examination requirements, change the form of the examination or extend submission deadlines. Alternatively, where appropriate, it may be necessary to make up canceled classes at a date in the near future. Please note that this is at the discretion of teaching staff. Please ensure that you pay attention to the precise information provided by the chair / teaching staff.

Examination boards have also been informed in detail and requested to regard the situation favorably for students when making their decisions, as well as to make reference to the strike in certificates for the Bafög Office, using a wording to be decided upon.

The options available to you as a consequence of the strike, exclusively for modules where classes have been cancelled due to the strike, are:

1. **Withdrawal from an examination:**
   a. You are entitled to deregister for an examination up to the day before the date of the examination. For examinations for which you have registered online, it is also possible to deregister online.
   b. You can also withdraw on the day of the examination due to disadvantages arising from the strike.
   c. Withdrawal is also possible in the case of portfolio examinations (where the examination process comprises various modular examination components) for which modular examinations have already been taken. Please note that modular examinations which have already been taken are to be counted when the examination process is recommenced.

   Should it not be possible to deregister for an examination online, please complete the form "Withdrawal from a registered examination" (Rücktritt von einer angemeldeten Prüfung)(Quick Access: 186789) and drop it into the letter box of your examination team on the ground floor of the Main Building.

2. **Extensions of deadlines:**
   a. Should the deadlines for repeating examinations expire as a consequence of deregistering or withdrawing from an examination, please submit an application for an extension to your examination board, providing the specific reasons for your application.
   b. Should it not be possible to observe the submission dates for final theses due to the closure of the library, please apply in writing for an extension directly to your examination team. An extension is granted for the period of closure.

Sincerely,

signed
Professor Dr. Hans-Ulrich Heiß