Dear Students,

a challenging semester is coming to an end, the last exams are being held these days. We thank you very much for your commitment. From our point of view, we have coped with this semester with all its tosses and turns very well and we hope you share this opinion.

In today’s newsletter, we would like to give you information on the newest developments and what that might implicate for the summer semester:

Hygienic rules for a mixed scenario of online and face-to-face classes
Given the latest political decisions, we can now go back to a mixture of online and face-to-face classes as we did at the beginning of the last winter semester. You will find detailed information on what that means with regard to hygienic standards on the corresponding websites in the OSCA-Portal (website in German). Should we be able to lift these strict rules during the semester, we will inform you in due time.

Survey for Students and Teachers regarding Winter Semester 2020/21
Last week, already, we informed you on our student and teacher survey on the winter semester 2020/21. This is a reminder to take the time and participate.

Corona-Survey-OS UAS-WS2020/21-Students (ID 555339)
The results will be presented to the university.

Upcoming Newsletter and Proceedings
The German Federal and State Governments will meet again on March 22nd, 2021 to discuss on how to further deal with the pandemic in Germany. Procedures that have already been defined this week, will be finalized and passed on the the state of Lower Saxony in the coming days, the state government will further break them down and pass them on to the local governemnt. That means that we still have to wait until we can define our own procedures and rules for the university. We feel that universities should be given more priority in the discussions. This has also been called for by Prof. Dr. Peter-André Alt, the current President of the German Rector’s Conference, with regard to Wednesday’s announcements: “Students and universities have a great interest to return at least to return to safe face-to-face setting in teaching and learning, at least partly. There are students who have been enrolled for two semesters, and who have never experienced their universities and their fellow students on campus.” We feel that there is nothing to add to his statement as it accurately describes the dramatic situation of many of our own students.

While the lectures are at recess, we will discontinue to send you newsletters. However, if there is important news, we’ll take up this service again.

Music in Times of the Pandemic
POP!Stage goes Online! For the first time, POP!Stage, the music festival offered by popmusic students from the Institute of Music at the end of each semester, took place by video: no stage – no contacts – in conformity with pandemic rules – digital.
Every semester, popmusic students work in different band projects. At the end of every semester, we all have the opportunity to watch the music pros to be on stage: pop, rock, funk, blues, soul, country are all part of the repertoire. The concert was streamed on the university’s you tube channel. For those of you who missed it, here is the link: https://youtu.be/lZLp6Xn1oQ0
In addition, you can find many examination concerts here:
https://www.youtube.com/user/HochschuleOS/videos?view=0&sort=dd&shelf_id=0
If you have questions, advice or complaints, please contact kommunikation@hs-osnabrueck.de. Our colleagues in the Communications Department will forward your comments to the people in charge.

With best regards,
Your University Steering Committee