Current situation at the University of Applied Sciences Neubrandenburg during the coronavirus crisis: Consequences resulting from the decisions made by the Minister-Presidents of the German Länder on Wednesday (15/04/2020)

Dear Colleagues,

Dear Students,

On Wednesday, the Minister-Presidents of the German Länder came together with the Federal Chancellor to discuss the continuation of infection protection measures from 20 April 2020 onwards. Subsequently, a telephone conference was held yesterday between all of the federal state’s tertiary education institutions and the State Secretary Ms. Bowen, during which we discussed a draft for a pending decree to be made by the Minister of Education (which takes into account the decisions made by the Minister-Presidents). The Minister of Education’s decree is expected to arrive by Monday, at the latest.

Prior to the announcement of the decree, I would like to inform you of the pending changes:

- **Online teaching** will be continued from 20/04/2020 onwards
- **Face-to-face teaching** shall still **not** take place after 20/04/2020
• **Practical courses** that require special laboratory or practical rooms at the universities can recommence from 20 April onwards as long as they observe specific hygiene and precautionary measures

• Where possible, **examinations** from 20/04/2020 onwards **shall be taken and held** in digital formats (preference shall be given to alternative examination formats); examinations can be held with the physical presence of the students if the valid infection protection regulations are strictly adhered to

• From 20/04/2020 onwards, **libraries and archives** shall continue to provide as much literature as possible in digital form; subject to the observation of hygiene regulations and entrance control, it will be possible to open the libraries for the borrowing of books (the libraries will only be opened once UAS Neubrandenburg’s Hygiene Plan has been confirmed by the Gesundheitsamt (Public Health Office))

• The **Mensa (Cafeteria) and Snack Bar** shall remain closed until further notice

• **By 29/04/2020** UAS Neubrandenburg shall draw up a plan together with the Ministry of Education and the Gesundheitsamt (Public Health Office) for the gradual reinstatement of face-to-face teaching

We will publish the corresponding decree for members of the university community as soon as it has officially entered into force. The full text will contain the detailed regulations.

Stay healthy!

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Gerd Teschke