

## Failed Expectations,Threatening Messages, Lies

In response to the recent [statement](#) by UCLA Esports, I'd like to share my perspective on the situation.

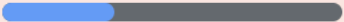
### Failed Expectations

Failed Promises: Gas

Firstly, UCLA Esports promises gas reimbursements in their applications as can be seen here,

Please check all that apply to you below

- I am a licensed driver in the United States, and would be willing to drive teammates to competitions
- I have a car at UCLA that I am willing to use to drive teammates to competitions (gas is reimbursed)

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yet they are unwilling to pay for my gas reimbursement. I gave a receipt to our financial director and all he said was “Thanks!” in response and did nothing else.



Even the latest player applications from this year advertise that they reimburse gas, yet they don't.

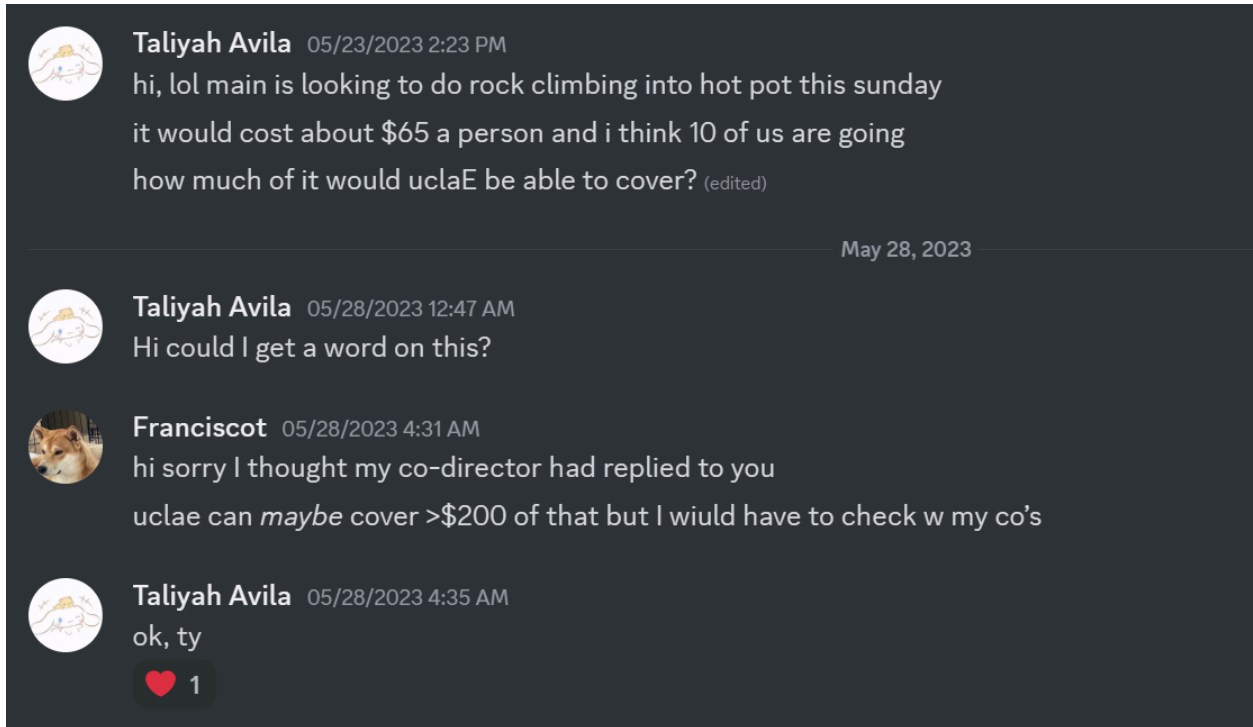
### **Minimal reimbursement for team bonding**

Background info:

In May of 2020 I participated in the IMT Toyota University Showdown here is the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ee7mJZum0po>

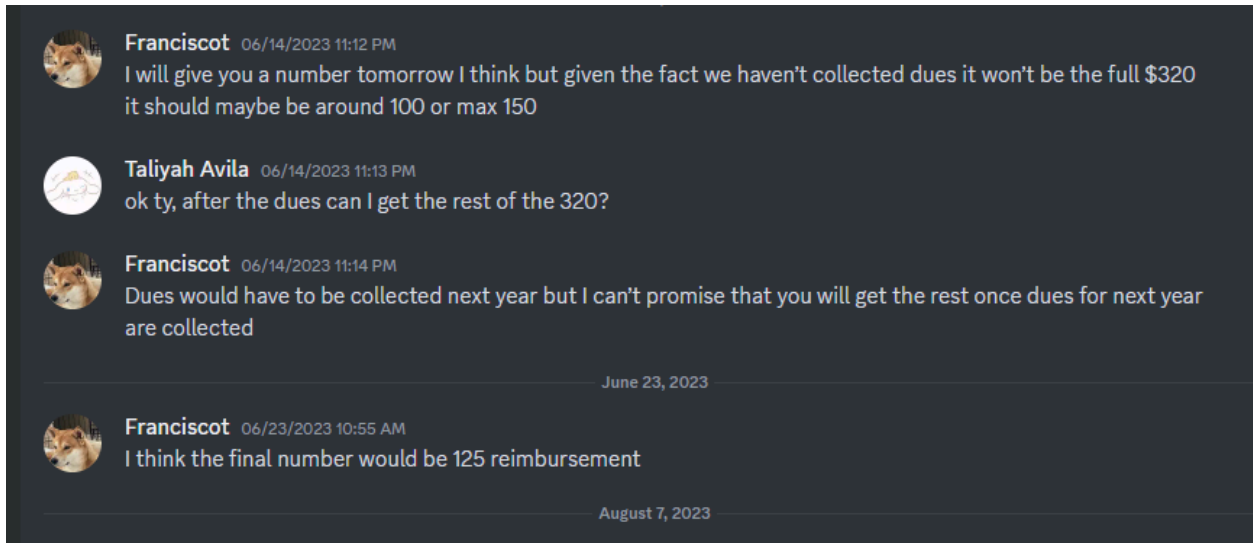
We got to play with Soaz as UCLA Esports and I honestly had a blast that day, I was just some random d4 jungler having fun, I got to steal dragon from Xmithie who was known to have really good smites back then, and we placed 2nd only losing to UCI Esports. This won us \$3000 for the club as a club donation.

In May of this year, 2023, I scheduled a team bonding that consisted of rock climbing and hotpot for our LoL Main team which would cost about \$65 a person, and I asked UCLA Esports how much they would be able to reimburse.



As can be seen in this image, “maybe over \$200” could be covered. I also mentioned the IMT Toyota University Showdown where we won the club \$3000. This apparently shocked the entire UCLA Esports board at the time which was able to later confirm that it was a \$3000 donation to the club. We ended up going to both on May 28th since I still wanted to do team bonding and I felt something over \$200 would suffice.

From that set of messages I was led to believe that I would get a solid chunk reimbursed, and although it says maybe, to go from greater than \$200 to a range of 100-150 then 125 nearly a month later.



I was also accepting of potential current financial issues with UCLA Esports and willing to wait until next school year when they can get more money but they still wouldn't offer.

In August I finally got an email from UCLA Club Sports Finance attempting to reimburse me \$125. They wanted to confirm that I was only requesting \$125, and I wasn't, so as they are the organization above UCLA Esports I tried to ask for more money for the team bonding from them as I believed talks with UCLA Esports was leading nowhere and I got hit with a statement. Here it is if anyone wants to read. (Read it so you can get their pov)



**Club Sports Finance** <clubsportsfina... Fri, Aug 25, 9:50 AM



to me ▾

Hi Patric,

I'm working on your reimbursement but we need an itemized receipt for food reimbursements. Can you please provide one? Also just wanted to confirm the amount being asked for is \$125 but the receipt is higher, can you please confirm you only want \$125?

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Please consider whether it is necessary to print this email.

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Hello Patric,  
We have been informed that you requested more money from Recreation to get as reimbursement despite Francisco communicating the set amount you would get in return. This is not okay, and we will prepare a written statement to send to you by Thursday, August 31st 2023. Apologies for the late message, but we are taking this seriously and will be in contact again soon.  
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## [Address to Patric Waworuntu](#)

So from the statement, I do understand that from a financial position that they aren't able to reimburse me all the money at the time of it. I do understand that in terms of legality, it was a club donation and so they are not required to give me a single dollar from the \$3000 donation from IMT.

However I find it quite scummy that I can win the club \$3000 and for them to be unwilling to reimburse me for gas as well as them only being able to give me \$125 after setting higher expectations for weeks.

To be clear, I did receive \$125. However, my intention was not to burn up cash for myself for fun, I was going to use it to invest back into the team to give them a good time as our League team did amazingly this past year. We made playoffs in CLoL West Conference for the first time in UCLA Esports history, we placed top 4 in UCEI and had close games against UCSD, as well as winning 3 separate smaller tournaments. I wanted to use a small chunk of that donation as a way to appreciate all my players that I worked with, and unfortunately UCLA Esports is unwilling to do the same.

## **Threatening Messages**

On Friday afternoon, the day of tryouts, I received this set of messages from Sunny Yen, a UCLA Recreation Employee who manages the UCLA gaming clubs and the leadership, including UCLA Esports.

Honestly, I was really happy to feel listened to. All week long I had been ignored by members of UCLA Esports and I felt like we could really talk it out and figure out how to go forward.



**Sunny** 10/06/2023 3:20 PM

Hey man, can I ask, like not even representing UCLA Esports here, what is going on? Ive heard everything theyve shared with me, and Ive already talked to you about how that tournament was a donation to the club and not to be paid out to the players, ive reviewed everything shared with me, and my only conclusion is still that you're just trying to give us a hard time for the sake of it? Can I ask why this is happening?

Ive been a part of this org your entire college career, ive seen you grow all 4 years here, and im just so confused because i never thought you would act like this

man to man

what is going on

?

we can call too if you want

like watever works

im just trying to understand

We initially had a good and productive conversation for about an hour. We addressed the problems UCLA Esports had towards me, Sunny's worries about how I would respond, as well as my problems towards them.

Sunny mentioned that in the POV of UCLA Esports their frustrations with me were



**Sunny** 10/06/2023 3:38 PM

ill be straight with you. When you emailed our finance team to ask for a reimbursement of the full amount despite the board telling you that you will only receive partial reimbursement, the board saw that essentially as you trying to steal money

and from my POV

that is completely valid

I understand the frustration

My frustrations with the board were

1. The boards slow responses towards me regarding reimbursements as well as the expectations set for them to low ball afterwards
2. Me being lied to directly in my dms and not getting a response from Jules/UCLA Esports regarding tryouts
3. Jerry (current player for UCLAe) applied for multiple intern positions within UCLA Esports. He was rejected from finance intern without being told and when he got a request to interview, it didn't specify which position, so when he asked Francisco (finance) about it, Francisco just told him to check the calendly invite which didn't specify.

When he interviewed he found out it was for operations intern and when he questioned Elvia about it, he was told that both her and Francisco rejected him, yet when he talked to Francisco, Francisco had not told him he was rejected and also mentioned that they were even considering getting another finance intern.

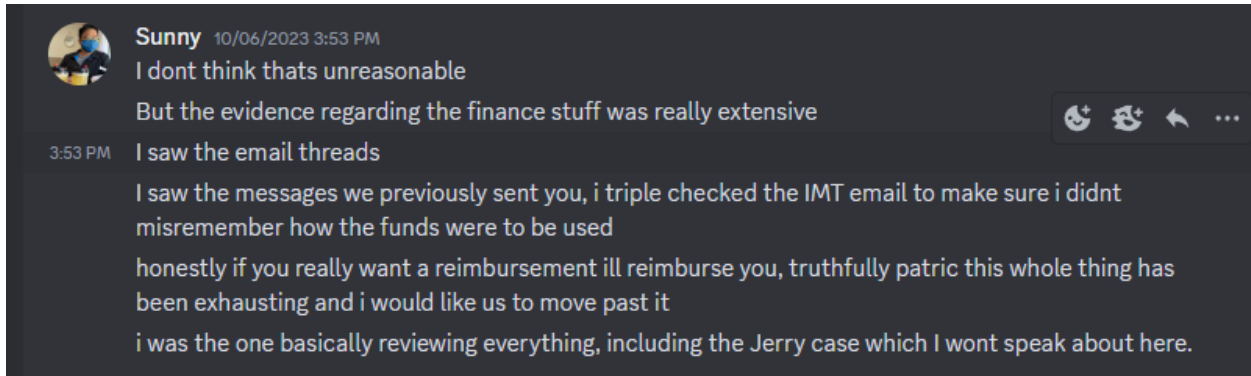
Following this Elvia also blamed Jerry for not asking when Jerry did ask, and gave a poor apology. In the end Jerry was tossed around and not properly communicated to.

4. Kevin Li (former player) being requested to interview for head coach for LoL Main but not being given an interview until after Jules (Djulo) was selected.

The basic idea is that Kevin Li applied for the head coach position for UCLA Esports LoL Main and was given a request to interview. However, before having a chance to interview, he was notified that the head coach position was filled and he could still interview for LoL Academy head coach.

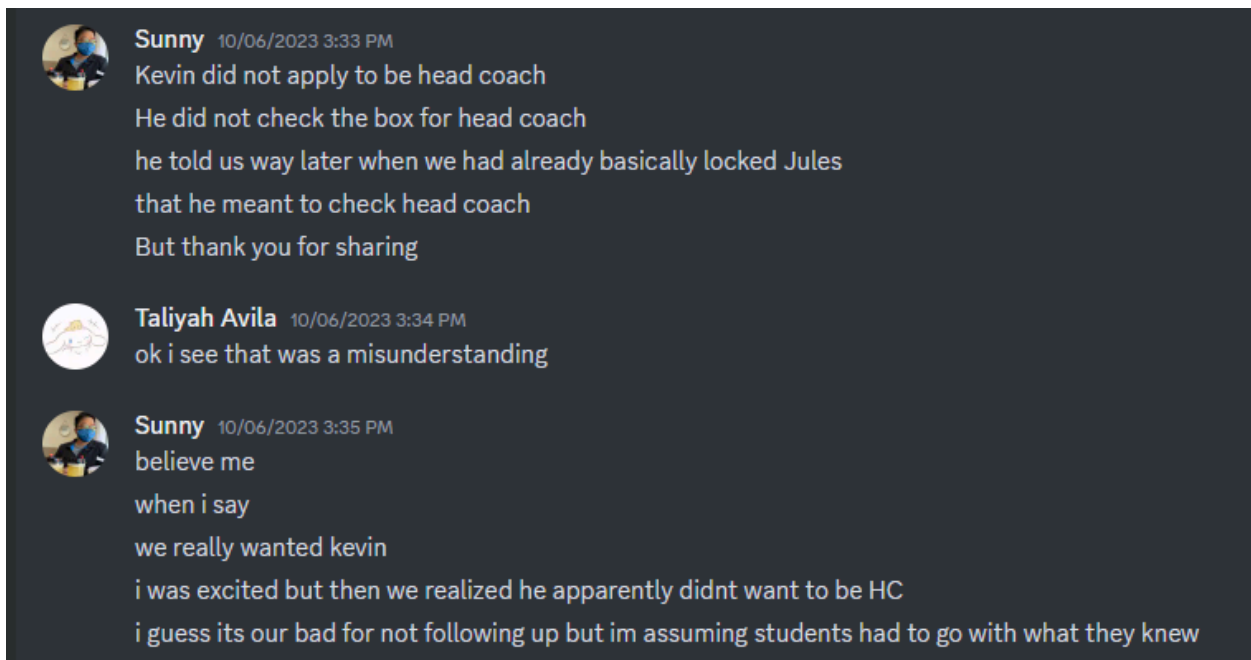
From sources, I have heard that the process went like UCLA Esports asked people who have worked with Kevin Li in the past how he was like, whereas for Jules he was given an interview. The thought process was that Jules had a better resume (which I don't doubt) and that UCLA Esports chose to go with him after the interview.

Although I don't doubt that Jules is solid at teaching concepts within League of Legends, I find it quite disrespectful towards Kevin Li to be given an unfair chance, and for the staff selection process to be inherently biased, by not giving Kevin a chance to interview and address any potential concerns the information given about him were.



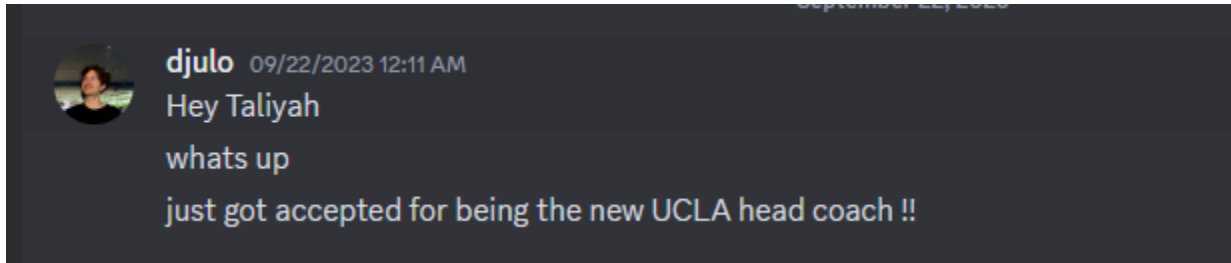
As can be seen regarding the first 3 points, Sunny admitted that wanting a conversation with Jules regarding tryouts was not unreasonable. He does acknowledge that the donation was for UCLA Esports. However at the end he does offer to reimburse the amount I requested, which I do not think he would have offered if he believed my requests for reimbursement were unreasonable. Regarding Jerry, he chose not to speak of it, so take what you will from that.

As for the last point, this is what Sunny had to say about it

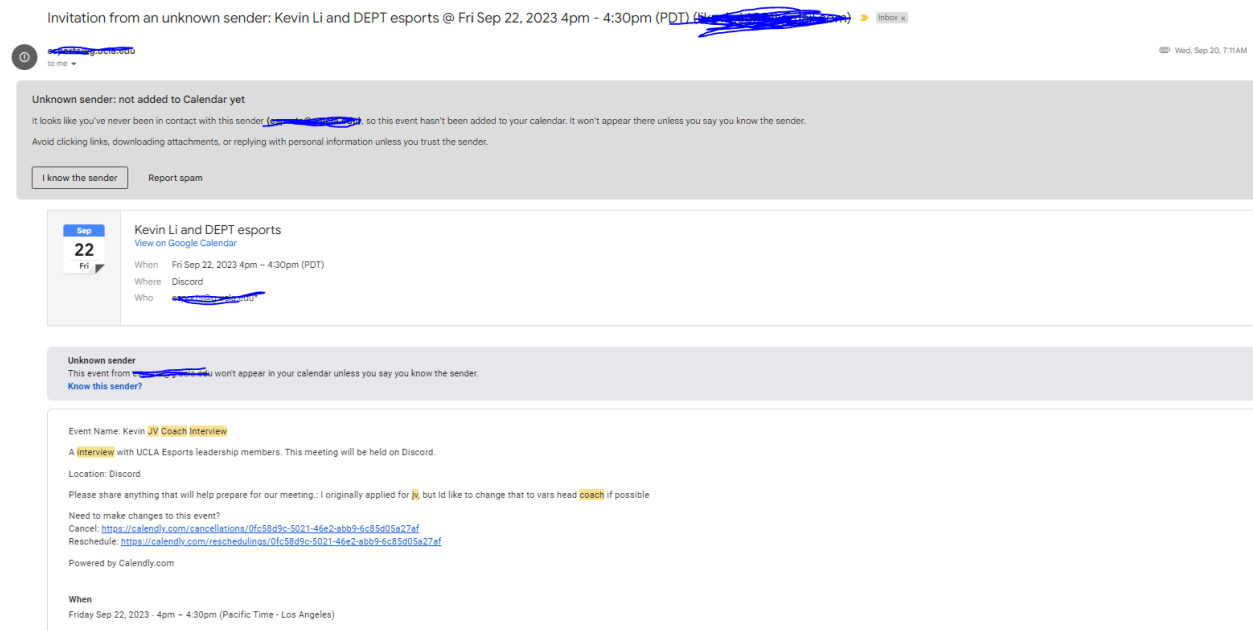


So over here Sunny is saying that Kevin did not apply for head coach, that UCLA Esports was unaware that he wanted to be head coach, they wanted Kevin as head coach, and locked in Jules prior to Kevin informing them of it.

I don't disagree that Kevin probably forgot to check in the box for head coach of LoL Main, however the rest of the statements Sunny has made are false.



Firstly, as can be seen here, the head coach position was locked in on September 22nd.



From the second image (sorry a bit blurry/small) here we can see that Kevin's interview was scheduled for September 22nd and in his note he does mention that he wants to apply for head coach of LoL Main. It was also sent to him on September 20th. He has also told me that he informed multiple members of UCLA Esports board at least a week prior and that they were aware of his intentions to interview for head coach of LoL Main.

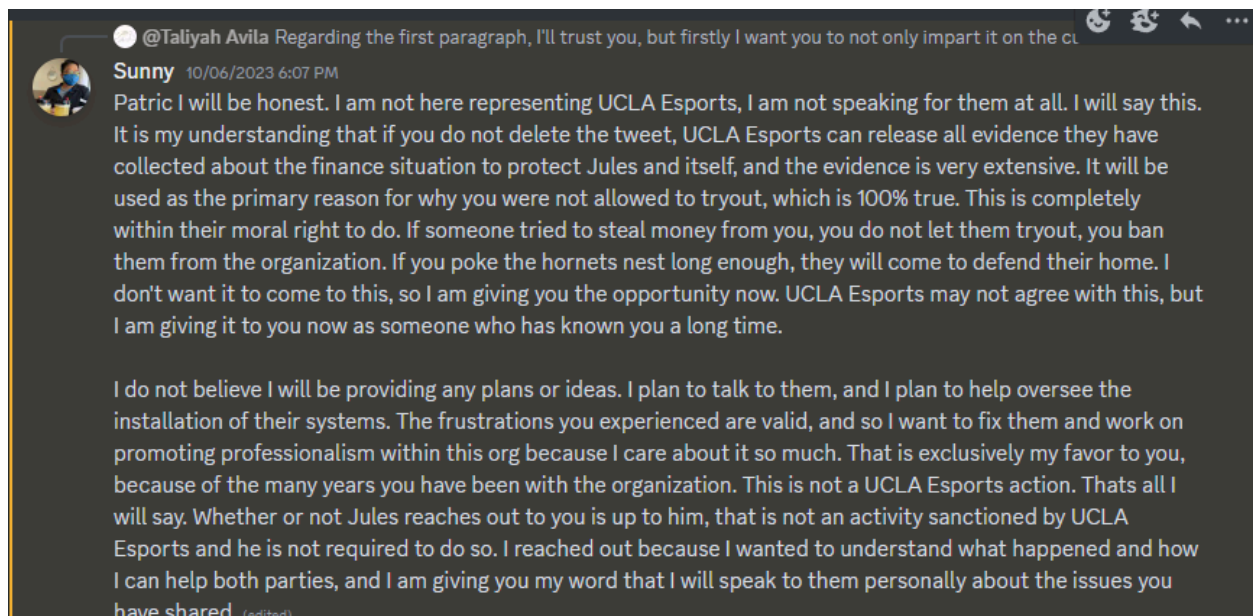
So in regards to this, Sunny lied that Kevin informed them too late that he wanted to be head coach as well as UCLA Esports wanting him as head coach, as if they truly wanted him, they would have interviewed him then given him a fair chance before locking in head coach of LoL Main.

Towards the end of the conversations, Sunny asked me to delete the tweet and that he would help address and improve the board's ability to communicate.

In response to that, I said I would be willing to delete my tweet if he could show me how he would help make sure that UCLA Esports board would be better at addressing concerns and communication, he would also do it for future iterations of the board, and that I could have a conversation with Jules regarding the way I was removed from tryouts. I also said I would no longer tweet regarding UCLA Esports if he could promise me these.

Furthermore, I told him I would also pull out from tryouts since I had a secret plan to participate in it nonetheless by using the League and discord account of a former player who had agreed to help me, as I wanted to show the league staff that I was neither low elo nor old.

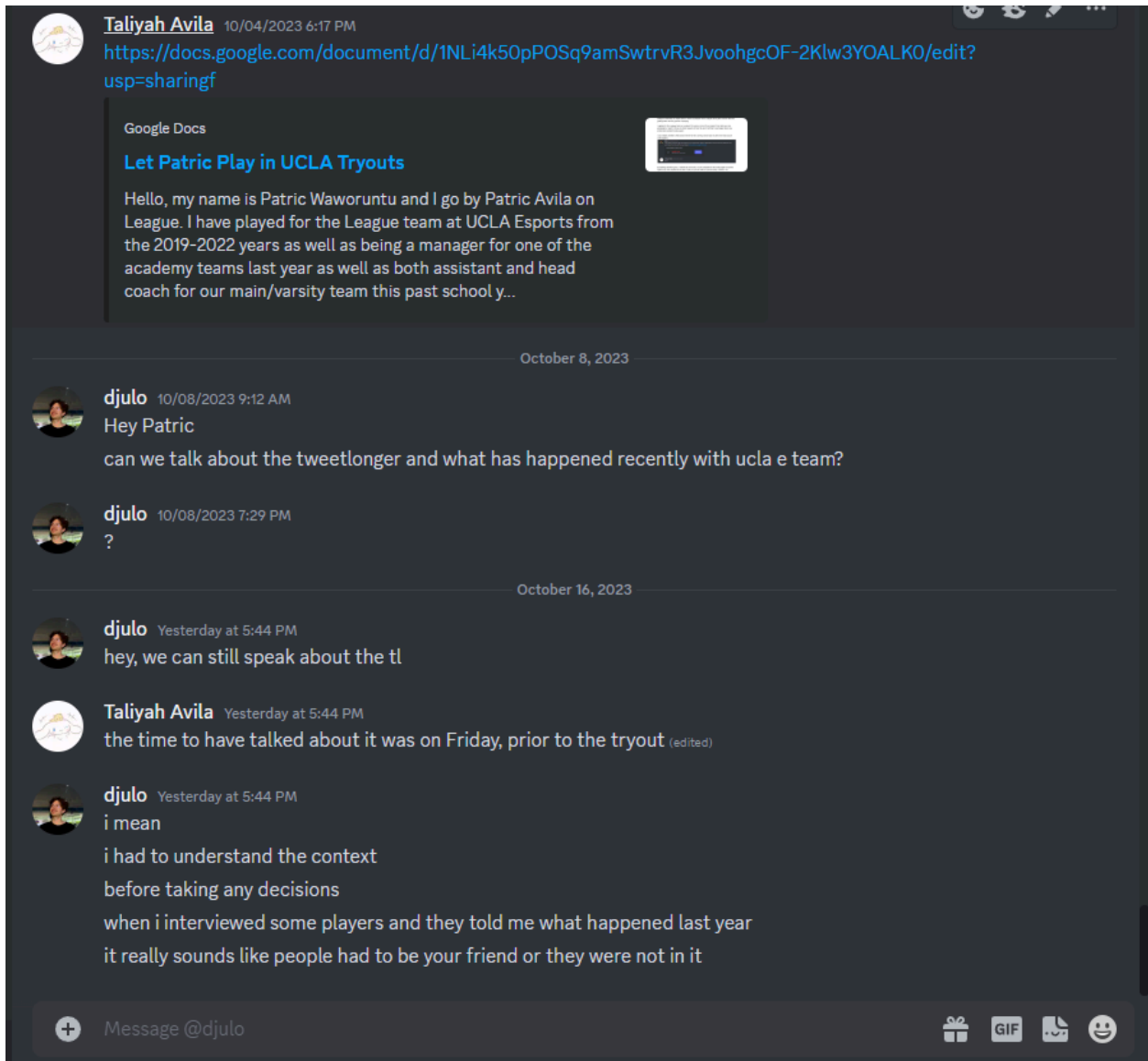
From this point I was hoping we could have at least settled some of the differences and move towards a less hostile future, but Sunny's following statement proved me wrong.



As he had lied multiple times throughout the conversation, I did not trust his words. I find it disingenuous when an employee of UCLA Recreation, who founded UCLA Esports attempts a dialogue with me and claims it as not representing UCLA Esports. When he threatened me with this message, I realized the conversation was over and that I could no longer have any civil discussion and thus I chose to no longer respond.

## Lies

My last set of information will be about the lies that Jules has been spreading about me for zero reason whatsoever as well as his treatment of others prior to and during tryouts.



2 days after my conversation with Sunny (final day of tryouts) Jules finally reached out to me and as I had lost trust in the program, I chose to not respond. On Monday 16th after he posted the official public UCLA Esports response he once again attempted to talk to me again and I merely responded with, “the time to have talked about it was on Friday, prior to the tryout.”

In response to that he just started talking nonsense, such as implying an incident happened last year as well as the final statement which made absolutely no sense. Of the 7 players on LoL Main that I worked with last year, only one was interviewed by Jules and it was supposed to be a ruse under me, so he is just making up something that I don't even know.

Furthermore from the other player interviews my friends had with Jules some of the other outright lies he made up about me were.

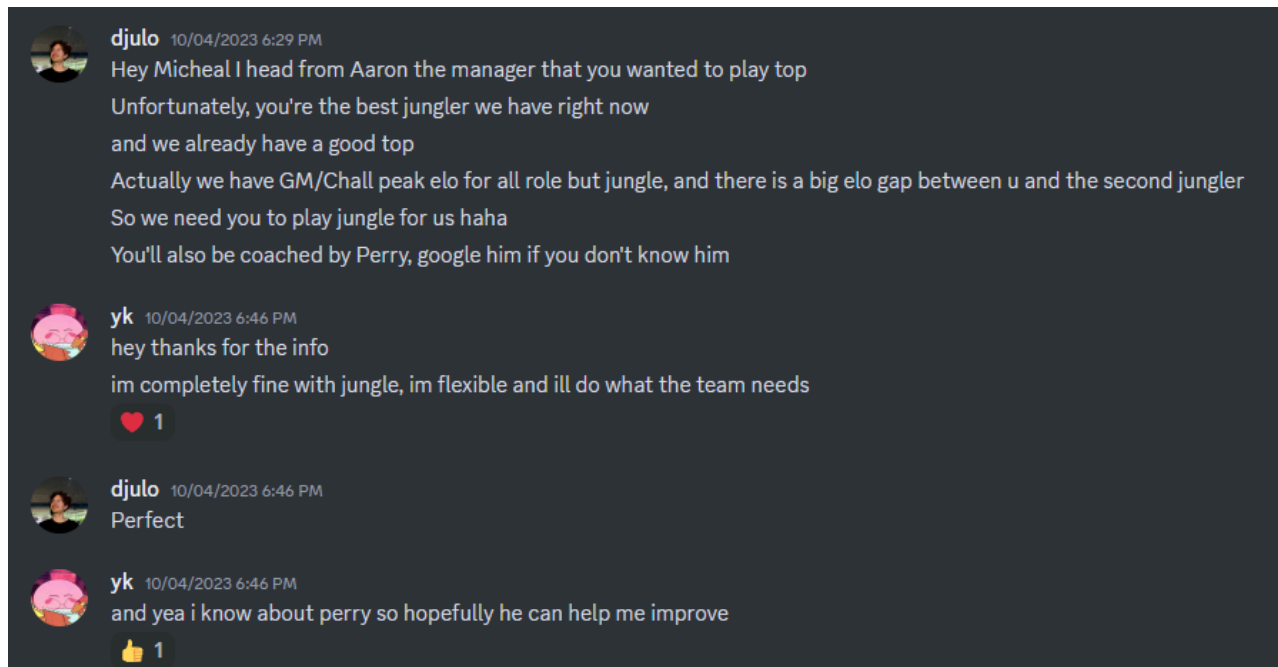
1. He called our final draft against UCI in CLoL West Conference 2023 bad, and blamed it on me.
  - a. I was not even head coach at the time and it also doesn't take into account that we realized we were not winning playing standard drafts so we had to do some cheese.
2. He said I was friendly with all the players so I didn't know how to raise my voice against them.
  - a. Honestly for this I have zero clue how he came to this conclusion and I don't even know why he would say this.
3. Not really a lie but with another one of my friend's upon hearing that my friend was dating someone, implied to them to break up with their partner if they want to play for the team
  - a. For this I have no words, this is collegiate and if the head coach of a collegiate team is telling their players to break up with their partners then they really need to reassess what they think the priorities of college students are.

The final point I will make regarding tryouts is the poor treatment towards one of its participants, [Michael Ko](#).

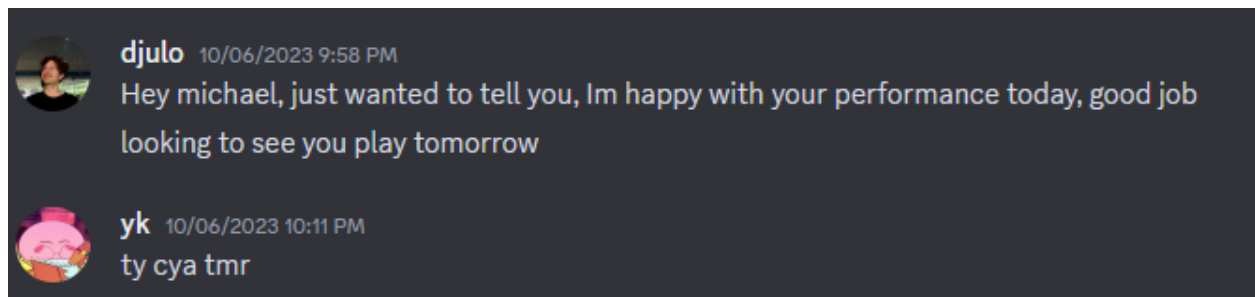
If you remember my initial statement in which I mention the low elo of jungle applicants, Michael was the only jungler who was currently higher than diamond 4 and he was masters 100 lp, so quite significantly higher than the rest of the competition. The caveat though, was that his primary role wasn't jungle, it was top lane. (he listed his secondary role as jungle)

On the week of the tryouts, the coaching staff interviewed every person who was trying out, in Michael's interview they asked him what role he wanted to try out for, and he mentioned he would prefer top over jungle. The coaching staff wanted a team of high elo players in every role,

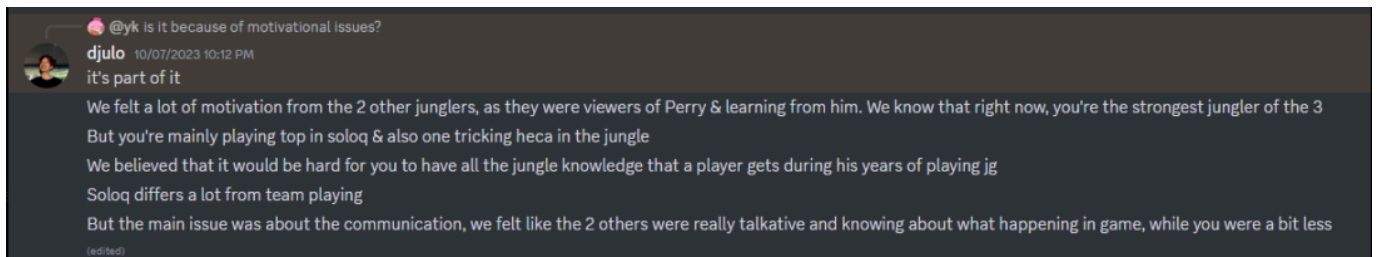
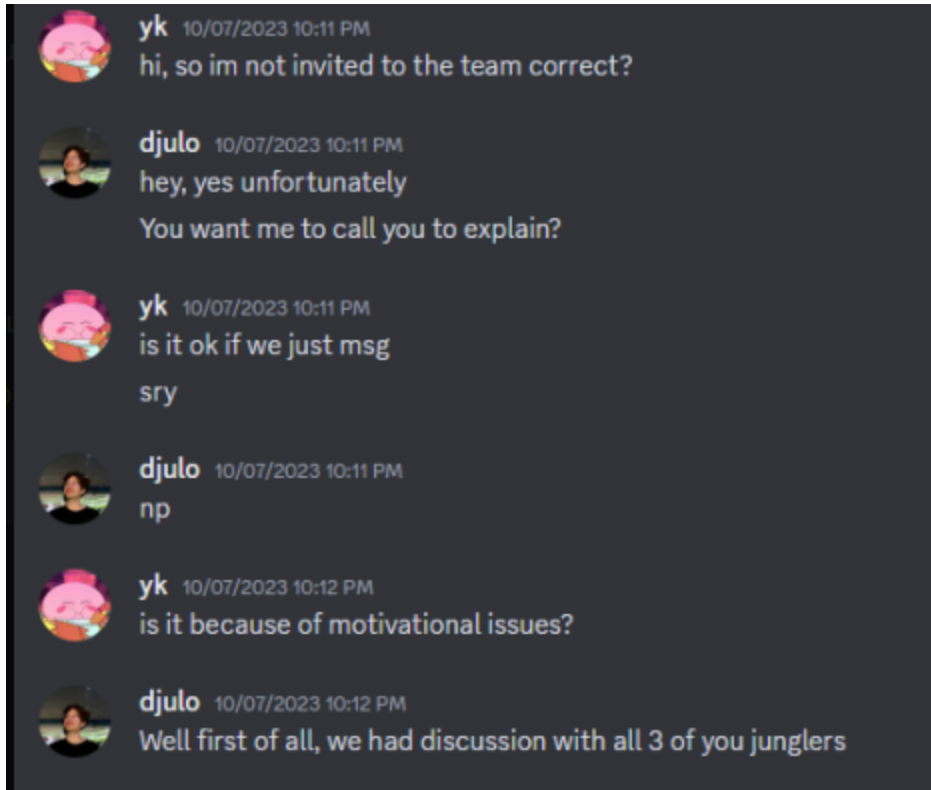
and as jungle had no one higher than d4 they made Michael try out for jungle, as can be seen in this image.



During the first day of tryouts, Michael performed the best out of all the junglers and everyone knew. Jules even reached out to Michael personally over discord to congratulate him for his performance.



After the second day of tryouts, Michael was still the best performing jungler, but was not as dominant as day 1, so Jules decided to interview the remaining 3 junglers in tryouts and gave Michael this set of messages.



As someone who coached the LoL Main last year, it is incredibly disrespectful to do this to someone who is trying out. Firstly, they make someone off-role to fit their wants for a team, and then they tell him he is not motivated for a team by citing solo queue, and decide to completely remove him from tryouts.

The problem with this is that they essentially coerced someone completely new to the program to play something he explicitly mentioned preferring not to, then after he performs the best, he is told he isn't motivated, and then just randomly calls him a solo queue Hecarim one trick in the jungle. Like how do you expect someone to role swap for you in a few days and then have the audacity to tell him he has a limited champion pool in that role.

And it's not even like Michael was unmotivated to learn jungle, after the first day of tryouts, he even went out of his way to message Perry (jungle coach) how he could improve in jungle, which I find not many players do in tryouts.

Lastly, towards the end they end up saying that if he is super motivated, he can get a sub jungle spot on the academy roster. Furthermore, Michael would also be the highest ranked top laner in tryouts, so the fact that they don't even let him try out for top after forcing him to jungle is honestly quite astonishing.

The way they treated Michael in tryouts was honestly incredibly disrespectful, and quite frankly a waste of his time.

The lies that Jules has tried to spread about me, the way he has handled his communications with interviewees, and his treatment towards Michael Ko, have all served the need for me to reinforce my allegations against Jules.

In the end, I do not want the money anymore, this situation truly has been exhausting to handle, it has caused me to have a few sleepless nights, (which I think indirectly has caused me to be quite sick the past week).

All I hope is for Sunny and UCLA Esports to address the issues that caused us to be in this situation because if they don't, frustrations like these will inevitably come back with new student leadership.

I also hope that Jules will learn from the way he has conducted himself and the tryouts as I have friends that are still participating in the League of Legends roster this year.

I no longer wish to be a part of UCLA Esports, I no longer want any contact with them; I will be competing in the CLoL open division with my own team of UCLA students and I thank all of those who spend the time to read this.

Tldr;

- UCLA Esports had unclear and slow communications regarding reimbursement for team events, despite me (and the League team) having won them a \$3000 donation in May 2020
- UCLA Esports mishandled the application processes for multiple members of the League of Legends team
- UCLA Rec Employee who founded UCLA Esports mislead me regarding issues with UCLA Esports and pressured me to delete my initial tweet
- Jules is spreading false claims about me and has made several statements and questionable decisions in the week prior to tryouts as well as during tryouts.
- UCLA Esports has recently made attempts to foster loyalty amongst its alumni. However, the experiences I've had with them recently, from incompetency to a general hostility has been disheartening. I no longer wish to be a part of UCLA Esports, I no longer want any contact with them, and I hope they can address their issues.